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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

June 10, 1991

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

Captioned individual, who you advised was born October 19, 1918, in Lockhart, Texas, and holds Social Security Number 466-20-2583, was the subject of a favorable preemployment investigation by the FBI in 1941 and applicant investigations in 1977 and 1983. Attached are an FBI letter dated November 16, 1967, concerning his FBI employment, two FBI letters and two summary memoranda which contain the results of the 1977 investigation. Also attached are an FBI letter with five enclosures, seven interviews and three reports which contain the results of the 1983 investigation.

The central files at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with the captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (21)

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**National Bipartisan Commission on
Central America**

*Appointment of the Chairman and
Members. July 19, 1983*

The President today announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to be members of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America:

Dr. Henry Kissinger, Chairman of the Commission, New York, N.Y.

Nicholas F. Brady, managing director, Dillon Read & Co., Inc., Far Hills, N.J.

Henry G. Cisneros, mayor, San Antonio, Tex.

William P. Clements, Jr., former Governor of Texas, Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Carlos F. Diaz-Alejandro, professor of economics, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Wilson S. Johnson, president, National Federation of Independent Business, San Mateo, Calif.

Lane Kirkland, president, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Richard M. Scammon, political scientist, Chevy Chase, Md.

Dr. John Silber, president, Boston University, Brookline, Mass.

Potter Stewart, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States (Retired), Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Robert S. Strauss, attorney at law, Washington, D.C.

William B. Walsh, president, Project Hope, Bethesda, Md.

The President's Representative to the Commission will be:

Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, United States Representative to the United Nations.

The Commission is bipartisan, with no more than 7 of its 12 members from the same political party. In addition to the above, there will be Senior Counselors designated by the President. They will include two Democrats recommended by the Speaker and two Republicans recommended by the minority leader from the House of Representatives, and two Republicans recommended by the majority leader and two Democrats recommended by the minority leader from the United States Senate.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: CLOSE OF
BUSINESS, MARCH 4, 1977, WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE
INVESTIGATION OF STRAUSS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

BORN OCTOBER 19, 1918, LOCKHART, TEXAS, MARRIED TO FORMER
HELEN JACOBS, SINCE 1945 HAS RESIDED 6223 DE LOUCHE, DALLAS,
TEXAS, AND SINCE 1945 HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED AS ATTORNEY, SAME
CITY. ALSO MAINTAINS LAW OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAS

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TEMPORARY ADDRESS 1100 MADISON HOTEL BUILDING.

STRAUS IS FORMER BUREAU AGENT, 1942 TO OCTOBER, 1945, ALSO SERVED 1972 TO 1977 AS CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN STRAUSS BROADCASTING COMPANY, AND VALLEY VIEW STATE BANK, BOTH DALLAS, TEXAS.

RELATIVES SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

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RICHARD A. GUMP,

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[REDACTED] AND JUDGE IRVING L. GOLDBERG, ALL

DALLAS, TEXAS.

BUFILE INDICATES ALSO HAS [REDACTED]
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Strauss, Robert Schwarz

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FROM :

SUBJECT: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
SPECIAL INQUIRY - THE WHITE HOUSE

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We have today received a request for investigation of Strauss who is being considered for an unspecified presidential appointment. Strauss is a former Bureau agent, 1942-1945, and served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1972 to January, 1977. Since 1945 he has been engaged in the private practice of law in Dallas, Texas, and also maintains a law office in Washington, D. C.

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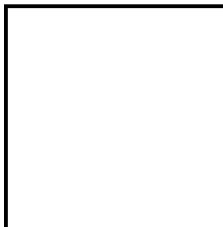
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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE WFO TELETYPE, MARCH 3, 1977.

RICHARD GUMP, FORMER SPECIAL AGENT AND A REFERENCE OF THE APPLICANT, WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT CAESARS PALACE HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS ON MARCH 3, 1977. GUMP IS IN LAS VEGAS TO ATTEND A SLURRING TRANSPORT TECHNICAL CONFERENCE.

GUMP SAID HE HAS KNOWN STRAUSS ABOUT 40 YEARS, HAVING ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TOGETHER AND THEN IN 1945 BECAME ASSOCIATED TOGETHER IN THE LAW FIRM AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER, AND FELD, DALLAS, TEXAS.

GUMP SAID STRAUSS IS A VERY TALENTED, ORGANIZED AND EFFICIENT PERSON. HE SAID STRAUSS' MORAL CHARACTER, INTEGRITY

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GUMP SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND STRAUSS VERY HIGHLY FOR A
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, DALLAS, PHOENIX, MARCH 2,
 1977. NO COPY TO NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK, LAS VEGAS.

FOR INFORMATION NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK AND LAS VEGAS,
 BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE
 INVESTIGATION OF STRAUSS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A
 PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

APPOINTEE BORN OCTOBER 19, 1918, AT LOCKHART, TEXAS,
 SINCE 1945 HAS RESIDED AT 6223 DE LOUCH, DALLAS, TEXAS,
 AND MAINTAINS RESIDENCE WATERGATE APARTMENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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D. C. APPOINTEE FORMER BUREAU AGENT, 1942 TO OCTOBER, 1945,
AND CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, 1972 TO PRESENT.

ADDITIONALLY APPOINTEE MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
XEROX CORPORATION, STANFORD, CONNECTICUT, ~~MEMBER~~ MEMBER BOARD
OF DIRECTORS, COLUMBIA PICTURES, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES,
DALLAS, TEXAS. APPOINTEE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, VALLEY-
VIEW BANK, DALLAS, TEXAS, HOLDS INTEREST IN STRAUSS
BROADCASTING, UNITED NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS,
AND IS MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WYLAIN AND COMPANY, DALLAS,
TEXAS.

IMMEDIATE RELATIVES ARE: [REDACTED] WHO CAN
BE CONTACTED THROUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADDITIONALLY REFERENCES ARE [REDACTED] FIRST
NATIONAL BANK, DALLAS; [REDACTED] REPUBLIC BANK TOWERS,
DALLAS; AND RICHARD GUMP (FORMER BUREAU AGENT), WHO CAN
BE LOCATED AT CEASAR'S PALACE, LAS VEGAS. *ips*

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: COB MARCH 4,
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RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WFO, ET AL MARCH 2, 1977 AND WFO TEL TO
BUREAU MARCH 3, 1977.

ALL INDIVIDUALS WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY
ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING THEIR IDENTITY BE PROTECTED HAVE BEEN SO
NOTED.

THE REPRESENTATIVES MENTIONED IN THE DETAILS OF THIS TEL
ARE: PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE [REDACTED] AND TUCSON POLICE
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RESIDENCE: ON MARCH 4, 1977, [REDACTED]

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YEARS AND HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN UPSTANDING MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY; HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION [] LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES, HIS CHARACTER, HIS REPUTATION OR ASSOCIATES, AND HE NOTED [] HAS BEEN A FINE NEIGHBOR.

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ON MARCH 4, 1977, []

[] ADVISED THAT SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY A NEIGHBOR OF []

[] WHEN SHE RESIDED AT [] SHE

RECENTLY MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS BUT SHE AND HER HUSBAND STILL MAINTAIN THEIR FRIENDSHIP WITH [] SHE CONSIDERS [] TO BE VERY WELL RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LOYAL AMERICANS OF VERY GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES.

IDENTIFICATION: ON MARCH 3, 1977, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT BOTH TUCSON ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF THE FILES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES DISCLOSED NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPLICANT'S [] [] ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

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ON MARCH 4, 1977, [REDACTED] COLUMBIA

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PICTURES INDUSTRIES, INC., 711 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THAT COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS SINCE DECEMBER 12, 1973. HE SAID COLUMBIA PICTURES HAS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A MAN OF THE CALIBER OF APPOINTEE ON THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. [REDACTED] SAID APPOINTEE IS A VERY HONORABLE MAN, WHO IMPRESSES EVERYONE HE MEETS WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE AND GOOD NATURED MANNER. HE FEELS APPOINTEE IS AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE MAN WHO WILL PERFORM HIS DUTIES FOR THE COUNTRY IN FINE FASHION. [REDACTED] STATED THAT APPOINTEE IS A COMPLETELY HONEST

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AND LOYAL CITIZEN, AND GIVES HIS UNQUALIFIED RECOMMENDATION. HE
COULD THINK OF NO ONE ELSE WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
RE APPOINTEE ON INSTANT DATE.

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ON MARCH 3, 1977, [REDACTED]

XEROX CORP/, STAMFORD, CT., ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF XEROX SINCE JAN. 1977. HE SAID HE HAS MET APPOINTEE ONLY ONCE AND THAT WAS AT THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HOWEVER, HE HAS KNOWN HIM BY REPUTATION FOR MANY YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM AN INDIVIDUAL OF EXCEPTIONAL COMPETENCE, GOOD REPUTATION, CHARACTER AND HABITS. HE KNOWS OF NOTHING WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE EMPLOYMENT AND RECOMMENDED HIM WITHOUT RESERVATION.

[REDACTED] SAID APPOINTEE CAME TO XEROX ON THE RE-
COMMENDATION OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR XEROX.

ON THE SAME DATE [REDACTED] SUPRA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1972 WHEN THEY SERVED TOGETHER RAISING

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CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND AFTER THE
APPOINTEE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
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STATED HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE A STABLE PERSON
OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATES AND HE
RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

INTERVIEWEES ADVISED OF PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT
AND DID NOT REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY.

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Date 3/4/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (P)

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

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EMPLOYMENT - Democratic National Committee

The following present and former employees of the Democratic National Committee, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. were contacted by SA [redacted] on the dates indicated.

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[redacted] advised that the appointee, ROBERT S. STRAUSS, was employed as the Treasurer of the Democratic national Committee from March 4, 1970 until July 15, 1972. In addition, the appointee was elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee December 9, 1972, and held this position until January 21, 1977. The position of Chairman was a non-salaried role. [redacted] advised that the appointee's personnel file contained no derogatory information. [redacted] stated that he is personally acquainted with the appointee having known him since March of 1970. He advised that the appointee is a man of outstanding character and reputation, and in his opinion could easily hold the position of President of United States.

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[redacted] described the appointee as a great patriotic American who is eminently qualified for any position in Government. [redacted] has nothing but the highest admiration for the appointee and would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. [redacted] stated that nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's associations has ever come to his attention.

[redacted] was interviewed on March 3, 1977.

On March 3, 1977, [redacted] Finance Department, advised that she has known the appointee for approximately four years at the Democratic National Committee on a professional basis. She advised that at no time has ever had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character. She described the appointee as a dynamic individual, one possessing fantastic leadership qualities, charisma and intelligence. The appointee's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his association has ever come to his attention. She stated that the appointee is known as an extremely qualified negotiator and is extremely knowledgeable of the business world. She would definitely recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. ✓

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On March 3, 1977, [redacted] formerly employed at the Democratic National Committee as [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed at the firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, at which time she advised that she has known the appointee since approximately 1969. She stated that she worked [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated that the appointee is of excellent character, and enjoys a reputation as a well liked, well respected individual. As an employer, the appointee was fair minded, considerate, hard working, diligent and demanding. However, he would never demand more of his staff than he would expect of himself. The appointee commands great respect from those who know him. The appointee's loyalty to the U. S. is unquestioned and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his associations has ever come to [redacted] attention. She described the appointee as an excellent negotiator, one who can bring about a compromise with groups of opposing viewpoints. He is highly respected in the legal community and she would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. 3

On March 4, 1977, [redacted] Democratic National Committee, advised that she has known the appointee since January of 1971 as a employee of the committee. She described the appointee as one of the very few completely honest individuals she has ever known. She stated that he possesses a flawless reputation and that even his political opponents admire him. The appointee is well liked by all. She stated that the appointee loves his country and all his associates are very high caliber. She described the appointee as an incredible employer, one who is aware of every employee and who expresses his appreciation to them. He is able to motivate his employee's to excel at their tasks. According to [redacted] the appointee is an outstanding businessman and attorney, whose associates trust his judgement completely. He is extremely intelligent and energetic and yet is still "down to earth". She advised that she would absolutely recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. 4

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On March 4, 1977, [redacted] Finance Department, advised that he has known the appointee on a professional

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basis for approximately three years. He stated that the appointee is a friend of his family [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that during his three year association with the appointee at no time has he had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character. He stated the appointee enjoys a reputation as being a terrific leader, businessman, and lawyer. Furthermore he is known as a warm, compassionate individual. The appointee's loyalty to the U. S. States is unquestioned and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his associations has ever come to [REDACTED] attention.

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[REDACTED] described the appointee as one possessing a dynamic personality and one who is able to bring opposing groups to compromise. Furthermore the appointee is a great organizer.

[REDACTED] stated that he would not hesitate to recommend the appointee for a position of trust in the U. S. Government.

[REDACTED] Finance Department, advised on March 4, 1977, that she has known the appointee for approximately eight years.. She stated that she first became acquainted with the appointee when he was a client of her husband's law firm and that she later worked for him at the Democratic National Committee. The appointee is highly regarded as a man of great character and of excellent reputation. She stated that the appointee is a patriotic American citizen and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his associations has ever come to her attention. She described the appointee as an outstanding attorney and businessman with great intelligence. He is also an excellent negotiator. She concluded that she would absolutely recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government.

On March 4, 1977, [REDACTED] Comptroller, advised that she has known the appointee since April of 1972 on a professional basis at the Democratic National Committee. She advised that the appointee has a very good reputation and at no time has she ever had any reason to question any aspect of his character. As an employee, he is extremely fair minded and she greatly enjoyed working for him. His loyalty to the U. S. is unquestioned. She stated the appointee is widely known as a fantastic businessman and she would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. Due to her limited knowledge, she could not comment concerning the appointee's associations.

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On March 4, 1977, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Democratic National Committee,
telephonically contacted at her residence, [redacted]
[redacted] and advised that she
has known the appointee since 1970 on a professional basis.
She stated that the appointee is of excellent character
and is well respected. The appointee enjoys a reputation of
being extremely qualified and honest businessman as well
as a negotiator. The appointee has a unique ability to
find talent and is a demanding, but fair and compassionate
employer. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his
associations has ever come to [redacted] attention and she
would definitely recommend him for a position of trust in
the U. S. Government. 8

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On March 4, 1977, [redacted]
[redacted] Democratic National Committee was telephonically
contacted at her residence [redacted]
[redacted], at which time she advised she
has known the appointee from 1969 to the present. She worked
with the appointee at the Democratic National Committee
from 1970 to 1977. She stated that throughout this
association she has never had any reason to question any
aspect of the appointee's character. He enjoys a top rate
"A-1" reputation as a businessman, attorney and politician.
He is a great negotiator and motivator of people. She further
described the appointee as a very frank and candid individual
and one who is generous, loyal and hard working. She
considers him to be a patriotic American citizen and nothing
of a derogatory nature concerning his associations have
ever come to her attention. She stated that professionally
the appointee's "long suit" is that he is extremely likeable,
congenial and sincere. He works long hours and delegates
authority well and additionally recognizes talent when he
sees it. She would definitely recommend him for a position of
trust in the U. S. Government. 9

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On March 4, 1977, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he has known the appointee for
approximately two years. He stated that his association
with the appointee was through Democratic Party channels and
not specifically at the Democratic National Committee.
[redacted] stated that he was not actually employed at the
Democratic National Committee until after the appointee
had resigned as the Chairman of the Committee. [redacted] however

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was able to comment concerning the appointee and stated that the appointee is of excellent character, and enjoys a reputation of being a very capable, intelligent individual as well as a tough negotiator. He considers the appointee to be a loyal American citizen and eminently qualified for a high level position in Government. [REDACTED] stated that due to his limited knowledge of the appointee, he could not comment concerning the appointee's associates, however, he advised that he would definitely recommend the appointee for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. 10

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On March 3, 1977, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to the Chairman, Democratic National Committee and presently working for the Committee on the District of Columbia, House of Representatives, U. S. Congress, advised that she has known the appointee since 1971, both professionally and socially and worked directly for the appointee at the Democratic National Committee. She advised that during this association she has never had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character, and he enjoys a reputation of being a super human being. His loyalty to the U. S. is unquestioned and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning her associations has ever come to her attention. [REDACTED] stated that the appointee is widely known as a hard working individual who gives 100% effort. She stated that the appointee is the best employer that she has had since being gamefully employed from 1954. She advised that she would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust in the U. S. Government. 11

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EMPLOYMENT - Law Firm

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 3/3/77 at the firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, Attorneys at Law, 1100 Madison Office Building, 1155 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] Partner, advised that he has known the appointee, ROBERT S. STRAUSS, for approximately six years as both a law partner and a personal friend. During this six year association, he has come to know the appointee as a man of honesty, trustworthiness, reliability and discretion. He stated that the appointee enjoys the highest of reputations professionally and is considered to be a superior man. In fact, [redacted] stated that the appointee is the best man he has ever known. The appointee's loyalty to the United States and its constituted form of Government is unquestioned. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's associations has ever come to [redacted] attention. [redacted] described the appointee as a fantastic lawyer and one who can perform well in any position. [redacted] advised that he was sorry to see the appointee leaving the law firm as the appointee is great to work with. [redacted] stated he would definitely recommend the appointee for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. 12

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[redacted] Partner, advised that he has known the appointee since the fall of 1970 when he was an attorney in Dallas, Texas. [redacted] stated that this association led to the eventual opening of a Washington, D.C. office of the firm. While [redacted] association with the appointee has been primarily on a professional basis, he considers the appointee to be a dear friend. According to [redacted] the appointee is a man of excellent character who enjoys a professional reputation as an excellent attorney with outstanding business judgment. The appointee has a strong reputation for honesty and candor and has given a spirit of extreme honesty to his law firm. [redacted] stated that the appointee is considered to be very patriotic and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's associations has ever come to [redacted] attention. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the appointee has an in depth understanding of business aspects of the United States and the U.S. economy, E.G. balance of payments problems, etc. The appointee has an outstanding ability to negotiate in the

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business and trade world and understands labor problems and the effects of tariffs on trade. The appointee has a support of both big business and big labor. According to [redacted] the appointee is achievement oriented. [redacted] concluded by stating that he would recommend the appointee very highly for a position of trust in the U.S. Government.

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[redacted] Partner, advised that he has known the appointee for approximately five years as a friend and as a law firm partner. He advised that at no time during his five year association with the appointee has he ever had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character. He stated that the appointee enjoys a reputation as a man of the highest integrity, honesty and decency. His loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's association has ever come to [redacted] attention. [redacted] advised that in his opinion, the appointee is a unique individual, a realist of high intelligence. The appointee's judgment and abilities as a negotiator are unsurpassed. [redacted] would absolutely recommend the appointee for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. 14

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[redacted] Partner, advised that he has known the appointee personally since 1971 both professionally and socially. He stated that his father is also a very good friend of the appointee. [redacted] stated that the appointee has unparalleled reliability and his discretion is unquestioned. The appointee is known by all as an honest, trustworthy, able, loyal, dedicated and generous individual. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's associations has ever come to [redacted] attention. According to [redacted] the appointee is an able lawyer, organizer, businessman and administrator. The appointee has a grasp of the dynamics of politics and economics for our complicated society that is unparalleled. [redacted] considers the appointee to be a great patriot and would certainly recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. 15

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[redacted] Mr. STRAUSS, advised that he has known the appointee since 1973 originally as [redacted] at the Democratic National Committee in Washington and now as the appointee's [redacted] [redacted] advised that at no time during his association with the appointee has he had any reason to question the

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appointee's character. [] stated that the appointee has a reputation as a man of honor who enjoys life and is a patriot in the old fashioned manner. Businesswise the appointee is very highly regarded and is known for his quick mind. The appointee is a idea man both innovative and ethical in his business dealings. Nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's associations has ever come to [] attention. [] stated that the appointee is qualified for any job in the Government and would absolutely recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. 16

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[] Legal Secretary, advised that she has known the appointee for several months on a professional basis as an employee with the appointee's law firm. She stated that everyone in the firm thinks extremely well of the appointee and in her opinion, the appointee's good character and loyalty to the United States are unquestioned. As an employer, the appointee is very demanding but fair to his employees and based on her limited knowledge of the appointee, she would have no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. She could not comment concerning the appointee's associations. 17

[] Secretary, advised that she has known the appointee for approximately two and one half months at the law firm. She advised that during this period she has never had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character and stated that the appointee has an excellent reputation. The appointee's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned and based on her limited knowledge of the appointee, she would have no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. [] stated that everyone thinks highly of the appointee and she considers him to be an excellent employer, one that is fair, cooperative and a joy to work for. She could not comment regarding the appointee's associations. 18

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[] advised that she has known the appointee for approximately two months on a professional basis at the appointee's law firm. At no time has she ever had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character and advised that the appointee enjoys an excellent reputation. As an employer, the appointee is extremely cooperative and easy to work with being both fair-minded and considerate. The appointee's loyalty to the

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United States is unquestioned and she would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. Due to her limited knowledge, she could not comment regarding the appointee's associations. 19

[REDACTED] Mr. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, advised that she has known the appointee for seven years, first as an employee at the Democratic National Committee, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and presently as the appointee's [REDACTED] at his law firm. She considers the appointee to be an extremely honest, trustworthy, reliable and discreet individual of great integrity, generosity, sincerity and charisma. She stated that she could say enough good things about the appointee. As an employer, the appointee is very demanding but never asked of anyone what he would not do himself. The appointee has great confidence in his ability, works long hours, and "goes that extra mile." The appointee is a very patriotic American. She would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government. Professionally, the appointee is an excellent negotiator, possesses great intelligence, perception, open-mindedness, 20 and abilities of an excellent judge of character.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 3/4/77 at the Offices of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, Attorneys at Law, 1100 Madison Office Building, 1155 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.:

[REDACTED] Partner, advised that he has known the appointee since 1/21/71 at which time the Washington, D.C. office of the appointee's law firm was opened. [REDACTED] stated that his association with the appointee is primarily on a professional basis and that during the six years that he has been acquainted with the appointee, he has never had any reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character. The appointee enjoys an excellent reputation and is known as a highly successful and competent attorney, businessman and politician. The appointee has a most remarkable sensitivity to people and is extremely compassionate. The appointee's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned and nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee's associations has ever come to [REDACTED] attention. [REDACTED] 21
[REDACTED] stated that the appointee is known throughout the country as a successful businessman and negotiator and would definitely recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government.

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Addendum to interview of [redacted] Partner
in the firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, Attorneys
at Law, 1100 Madison Office Building, 1155 15th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C., by SA [redacted] on 3/3/77:

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In addition to comments recorded earlier, [redacted]
also advised SA [redacted] that the appointee, ROBERT S. STRAUSS,
opened the Washington office of the law firm on 1/21/71. [redacted]
[redacted] stated that while the appointee was employed at the
Democratic National Committee both as Treasurer and as Chairman,
he maintained a low profile regarding the firm and scrupulously
avoided any conflicts of interest. He further stated that
the appointee placed himself on leave of absence from the firm
during his association with the Democratic National Committee.

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RESIDENCE

2700 Virginia Avenue

On 3/4/77, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Watergate Towers West, 2700 Virginia Avenue, N.W., advised the appointee currently owns apartment number 1211 at that address.

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[REDACTED] stated the appointee is an excellent tenant who causes no problems.

On 3/4/77, Senator ABRAHAM RIBICOFF, Connecticut, advised he owns the apartment located directly below the appointee's at 2700 Virginia Avenue, N.W.

The Senator stated he has been socially and politically acquainted with the appointee for approximately eight years and knows him to be a decent, highly qualified individual. He knows of absolutely nothing derogatory concerning the appointee, his character, associates, reputation or loyalty and concluded by stating he highly recommends him for the position for which he is being considered. 22

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SAC Charles W. Smith caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on 3/4/77, that the files contained (~~a satisfactory credit record~~) (~~no credit rating~~) (no record) for the appointee.

On 3/3/77, SA [redacted] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee. (~~or relatives~~).

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

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On 3/10/77, SA [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee (or relatives).

On 3/12/77, SC [redacted] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

On _____, SC _____ caused a search to be made of the files of the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department and was advised that no identifiable adult criminal record could be located regarding the _____.

On _____, SC _____ caused a search to be made of the files of the Prince Georges County, Maryland, Police Department and was advised that no identifiable adult criminal record could be located regarding the _____.

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Date: 3/7/77

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (161-1216) (RUC)

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re Dallas teletype, dated 3/5/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of newspaper
articles re appointee, as set out in referenced teletype.① - Bureau (encs -
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ON MARCH 7, 1977, RALPH W. YARBOROUGH, FORMER U.S. SENATOR,
721 BROWN BUILDING, AUSTIN, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HE IS PERSONALLY
ACQUAINTED WITH BUT HAS NO PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE
APPOINTEE.

HE STATED THAT BETWEEN THE APPOINTEE AND HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH
OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, THERE IS A "SHARP DIFFERENCE" IN
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE IS A MEMBER
OF THE SAME BANKING BOARD AS FORMER TEXAS GOVERNOR JOHN
CONNALLY AND THIS FACTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS CONTROLLED
TEXAS POLITICS FOR MANY YEARS.

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IN REGARD TO LABELLING STRAUSS AN "EXPONENT OF CROOKED POLITICS" IN 1970, AND REQUESTING HIS RESIGNATION FROM HIS POSITION AS TREASURER OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PARTY IT WAS BECAUSE THE APPOINTEE WAS INTERFERING IN LOCAL POLITICS IN REFERENCE TO YARBOROUGH'S CAMPAIGN FOR SENATOR AND THE APPOINTEE'S ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO CROSS PARTY LINES TO VOTE AGAINST YARBOROUGH IN THE PRIMARY. THIS WAS IN REFERENCE TO THE "PURITY PLANK." YARBOROUGH HAS WANTED A LAW TO PROHIBIT CROSS-OVER VOTING IN PARTY PRIMARIES AND FEELS THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD A DUTY TO SUPPORT PURE PARTY POLITICS.

MR. YARBOROUGH STATED THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING OF THE FACTS CONCERNING THE ASHLAND OIL COMPANY CONTRIBUTION ALLEGATION AND IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ILLEGAL. IN THIS CONNECTION HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE IS "SHARP" AND WOULD HAVE AVOIDED ANYTHING OF AN ILLEGAL NATURE AT THAT TIME.

MR. YARBOROUGH STATED THAT HE HAS NO "HARD FACTS" TO BACK UP ANY STATEMENTS HE MAY HAVE MADE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE.

HE STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL LIFE AND HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS LOYALTY AS A U.S. CITIZEN. *HE STATED THAT IF HE WOULD WITHHOLD ANY RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING MR. STRAUSS' SUITABILITY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.*

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ON MARCH 8, 1977, [REDACTED]

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Date: March 9, 1977 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

To : Honorable [redacted]

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Washington, D. C.CC TO [redacted]
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From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Reference: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

Enclosed is a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning above-captioned individual pursuant to your request received on March 2, 1977.

Status: ☐ Completed☒ Pending

Internal Revenue Service; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; United States Secret Service; and the Central Intelligence Agency

When additional inquiries have been completed, you will be advised.

Refer to my communication dated [redacted] which furnished you the results of investigation concerning captioned individual.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Strauss in 1941. The results of that investigation and the results of the current inquiry are included in the attached summary memorandum.

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NOTE: Mr. Strauss being considered for Presidential appointment. Investigation favorable except for [REDACTED] who has [REDACTED] and one traffic citation concerning Mr. Strauss. Investigation complete except for five agency checks, pertinent newspaper articles, and additional interviews, including two United States Senators from Texas.

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March 9, 1977

ROBERT SCHWARZ ~~STRAUSS~~

Summary

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. STRAUSS COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

Birth

Mr. Strauss was born on October 19, 1918, in Lockhart, Texas.

Education

7525S DeLoache St, Dallas, Texas

Mr. Strauss attended the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, from September, 1935, to June, 1941, receiving an LL.B. degree.

Employment

August, 1941, to
January, 1942

Law firm of Hamilton, Harrell,
Hamilton and Turner, Dallas,
Texas, as an attorney

January, 1942, to
October, 1945

FBI, Washington, Investigation,
Dallas as a Special Agent
agent

October, 1945, to
March, 1970;
August, 1972, to
November, 1972; and
January, 1977, to
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Law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss,
Hauer and Feld, Dallas, Texas,
and since August, 1972, in Dallas,
Texas, and Washington, D. C., as
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Mr. Strauss is now or has been a member of the Board of Directors of numerous firms and institutions such as Radio Station KCEE and the Strauss Broadcasting Company, Tucson, Arizona; and Braniff International Airlines, the Valley Viewbank, and the Wylain Corporation, all of Dallas, Texas.

Marital Status

Mr. Strauss is married to the former Helen Jacobs and they reside at 75255 DeLoache Street, Dallas, Texas.

Interviews

Sixty-seven persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and co-workers, present and former neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances of Mr. Strauss, were interviewed. They advised he is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He was described as very intelligent, dedicated, reliable, discreet, and sincere and a man who exhibits superior leadership skills. During the course of the current investigation, one person interviewed advised that Mr. Strauss possesses an in-depth understanding of world trade and business. Several other individuals stated Mr. Strauss is an outstanding attorney who is recognized for his superior ability as a negotiator. Another person said he is a man who has an excellent grasp of the American political system and astutely utilizes this understanding to positively influence the economic sector for the betterment of the United States. It was stated that as an employer Mr. Strauss is extremely cooperative, personable, equitable, objective, and considerate. They highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Among those interviewed during the course of the current investigation are the following:

[redacted], Columbia Pictures Industries, Incorporated, New York City.

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[redacted] Xerox Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut.

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[redacted] Xerox Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut.

[redacted] attorney and partner, law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, Dallas, Texas, and Washington, D. C.

[redacted] of the Republic National Bank and [redacted] of the Republic of Texas Corporation, Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] of First International Bancshares, Incorporated, and [redacted] of the First National Bank of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

William M. Taylor, Jr., United States District Judge, Dallas, Texas.

Bailey F. Rankin, United States Magistrate, Dallas, Texas.

Henry Wade, District Attorney, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] and [redacted] Braniff International Airlines, Dallas, Texas.

Abraham A. Ribicoff, United States Senator from Connecticut.

Close Relatives

Mr. Strauss' parents, Charles H. Strauss and Edith Strauss, are deceased. In addition to his wife, mentioned previously, Mr. Strauss has the following living close relatives:

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Persons interviewed during this inquiry who are acquainted with Mr. Strauss' close relatives advised they are reputable individuals.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Strauss.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Strauss or his close relatives, except the following:

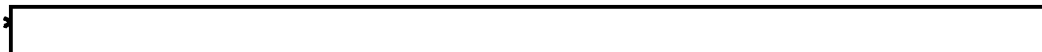
Records of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department indicate that Mr. Strauss was cited for speeding on November 12, 1975, for which he paid a fine of \$23 on September 17, 1976.

Bar Affiliations

Mr. Strauss is eligible to practice law in the State of Texas and the District of Columbia. No grievances have been filed against him.

Miscellaneous

A confidential source abroad*indicated in 1971 that



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Agency Checks

Information has been received from The White House Office indicating its files contain no information concerning Mr. Strauss.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, were checked by name only, and contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Strauss.

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RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ET AL, MARCH 7, 1977.

ON INSTANT DATE, AFTER BEING ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT, FORMER TEXAS GOVERNOR JOHN B. CONNALLY ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVERAL YEARS AND CAN SAY NOTHING DEROGATORY ABOUT HIM. HE STATED HE GIVES APPOINTEE THE HIGHEST MARKS IN ABILITY, HONESTY, CHARACTER, AND INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY. HE ADDED APPOINTEE IS AN UNUSUALLY ABLE MAN WHO WILL DO A SUPERB JOB FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

CONNALLY STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT

WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES PERTAINING TO APPOINTEE (REFERENCED TEL), CONNALLY STATED HE HAD NO

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: MARCH 4, 1977

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Date 3/11/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (P)

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U. S. Senators

The following investigation was conducted by
SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on 3/9/77:

U. S. Senator JOHN TOWER, Texas, advised the appointee, ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, has been known to him for a number of years. He knew him when he was a practicing attorney in Dallas. He stated he considers him to be a "good man." He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation recommending him for a position of trust and confidence.

U. S. Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, Texas, advised he has known the appointee since he was a practicing attorney in Dallas, Texas. He knows him to be a very capable attorney. He is a person of high integrity. He is very highly regarded both professionally and personally. He considers him to be honest, dependable, and trustworthy. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation adding he is "delighted" to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
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A search of the files of the Personnel Office and Records Office, WHO, revealed no information concerning the appointee, ROBERT S. STRAUSS.

[redacted] for Policy Analysis, WHO, advised he has known ROBERT STRAUSS on an extremely close professional and personal basis since 1972. Prior to coming to the White House, [redacted] served as [redacted] of the Democratic National Committee while STRAUSS has served as Chairman of that same committee. Their offices were immediately next to each other. As a sign of the appointee's professional ability, [redacted] pointed out the fact that STRAUSS served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee during a period of great difficulty. Following the Presidential election in 1972, the Democratic party was in great turmoil. STRAUSS was able to bring together the many diverse elements of the party to the extent that the Democrats elected a President this past year. STRAUSS is a very shrewd, capable and very effective chairman. He has an excellent sense of judgment and has extremely fine instincts. He seems to be able to quickly get to the heart of any matter. He displays a great deal of charm and is very effective in dealing with people. He is a very controlled, restrained fellow and is universally respected. Through conversations with the appointee, [redacted] has learned that, not only is STRAUSS a very smart and capable businessman, but he possesses an intense regard for the letter and the spirit of the law in handling both professional and his personal finances. In attempting to bring together the many diverse elements of the Democratic party, STRAUSS has constantly sought compromise and coalition. Although it is impossible to please all elements of the party on any one question, STRAUSS has remained an honorable man and has attempted to keep his word in each and every case. STRAUSS is a fine family man and is a loving husband to his wife and father to his children. [redacted] knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and would recommend him without hesitation for a position of confidence and trust.

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[redacted] to the President, advised he has known ROBERT STRAUSS on a professional basis for approximately four years, since December, 1972 when the appointee hired [redacted] to work with the Democratic National Committee. He noted that STRAUSS has an excellent professional reputation, especially in regard to his work as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Even among people who do not agree with STRAUSS' political thinking, he is highly respected as a person. STRAUSS has maintained a healthy and stable home life and [redacted] knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee. He would recommend him for a position of confidence and trust.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on 3/4/77 at Washington, D.C.:

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Watergate Towers West, 2700 Virginia Avenue, N.W., advised that the appointee, Mr. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, is currently residing with his wife in Apartment 1211. [redacted] stated that he considered Mr. STRAUSS to be a superb tenant and a very pleasant individual. [redacted] advised that he was not personally aware of the exact date that the appointee first resided at Watergate Towers but stated that this information could be obtained from Cafritz Company, located at 825 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. [redacted] further advised that as a result of the floor plan of the building, that only two other apartments would be close to the appointee's. Those were Apartments 1209 and 1210. According to [redacted] only the tenants of these two apartments could be considered neighbors of the appointee. [redacted] concluded that based on his limited knowledge of the appointee, he had no reason not to recommend the appointee for a position of trust in the U.S. Government.

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[redacted] advised that she has been a neighbor of the appointee's for approximately three to four years. She advised that she has had very little contact with the appointee and therefore could furnish no information concerning him. She stated, however, that she knew of no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust in the U.S. Government.

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[redacted] advised that he has been a neighbor of the appointee for approximately four years. He described the appointee as a very courteous individual and a good neighbor. [redacted] stated that he has very limited contact with the appointee but would have no reason to question any aspect of the appointee's character or his loyalty to the United States. [redacted] advised that he knew of no reason not to recommend the appointee for a position of trust in the U.S. Government.

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[redacted] Cafritz
Company, 825 K Street, N.W., advised that a review of his

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records disclosed that the appointee, ROBERT S. STRAUSS,
commenced residence at Apartment 1211 Watergate West on

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

B-10/19/18, Wackbart, TEXAS
The information in this summary memorandum supplements the information contained in a summary memorandum dated March 9, 1977.

Interviews

75255 DeLoache St, Dallas, TEXAS
John B. Connally, attorney, former Secretary of the Treasury, and former Governor of Texas, advised in Houston, Texas, he has known Mr. Strauss on a social and professional basis for the past twenty-five years. He stated Mr. Strauss is a very capable individual whose character, associates, reputation, and loyalty are of the highest order. He said Mr. Strauss would be a superb asset to the Federal Government, and he highly recommended him for such a position of trust and responsibility.

Ralph W. Yarborough, former United States Senator from Texas, advised in Austin, Texas, that he has known Mr. Strauss for over a decade. He stated that although he and Mr. Strauss are members of the same political affiliation, they have definite professional differences. He said Mr. Strauss and former Texas Governor John B. Connally are members of the same banking board, and they have "controlled the Democratic Party politics for years." He stated that in 1970 he labeled Mr. Strauss an "exponent of crooked politics" and requested Mr. Strauss' resignation from his position as Treasurer of the National Democratic Party. He stated he believes Mr. Strauss was interfering with local politics regarding his, Senator Yarborough's, campaign for the United States Senate. He stated he believes Mr. Strauss was encouraging voters to "cross party lines" to vote against him in the primary for this election. Senator Yarborough stated

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he supported a law to prohibit such "crossover voting" in primary elections, and he believes Mr. Strauss "had a duty to support pure party politics."

Senator. Yarborough stated he knows of no specific facts which would substantiate any of his aforementioned statements concerning Mr. Strauss. He stated Mr. Strauss is an intelligent person who would not knowingly become involved in any illegal activities. He advised he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. Strauss' personal life, and he has no reason to question his loyalty as a United States citizen. He stated he would withhold any recommendation for Mr. Strauss' suitability for a position of trust and confidence.

Lloyd M. Bentsen, United States Senator from Texas, advised in Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. Strauss for many years since Mr. Strauss was a practicing attorney in Dallas, Texas. He advised Mr. Strauss is a capable attorney, a person of integrity, and a man who is highly regarded personally and professionally. Senator Bentsen advised he considers Mr. Strauss to be an honest and dependable individual whose character, associates, loyalty, and reputation are above reproach. Senator Bentsen recommended Mr. Strauss for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

John G. Tower, United States Senator from Texas, advised in Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. Strauss on a professional basis for several years. He stated he considers Mr. Strauss to be a "good man" whose loyalty, reputation, character, and associates are of the highest order. Senator Tower recommended Mr. Strauss for a position of trust and confidence.

Five additional persons, consisting of present neighbors, professional associates, and social acquaintances of Mr. Strauss', were interviewed. They advised he is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He was described as a very capable, shrewd, effective, personable, and trustworthy individual. It was stated he is a sincere family-oriented person. They highly recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility. It was stated by one person interviewed that

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Mr. Strauss is a fine attorney who exhibits very high regard for the "letter and the spirit of the law." Another person interviewed described Mr. Strauss as a man who brings together people of different views and adroitly assists them in working harmoniously toward a common goal.

Miscellaneous

The April 22, 1973, issue of "The Dallas Morning News," a daily Dallas, Texas, newspaper, contains an article entitled "Virginia to Move To Oust Strauss." This article alleges that Mr. Strauss was then John B. Connally's "stooge." The charge outlined in this article was attributed to Joseph Fitzpatrick, then Chairman of the Virginia Democratic Committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick indicated that he intended to make a motion to recall Mr. Strauss as the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. A copy of this article is enclosed.

The December 20, 1972, issue of this newspaper contains an article entitled "Strauss-Connally Link Under National Scrutiny." In this article Mr. Strauss notes that he is "owned" by John B. Connally. A copy of this article is enclosed.

The April 26, 1975, issue of this newspaper contains an article entitled "No Strauss Decision Yet." This article alleges that the Watergate Special Prosecutor's Office had not made a final decision regarding the "possible prosecution" of Mr. Strauss for handling an illegal campaign contribution from Ashland Oil Company, Incorporated, Ashland, Kentucky. This article alleges that funds were accepted by Mr. Strauss in his capacity as the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. A copy of this article is enclosed.

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The May 5, 1975, issue of this newspaper contains an article entitled "Fund-Raising Cases Dropped Against Two." This article alleges the Watergate Special Prosecutor's Office dropped plans to prosecute Mr. Strauss and to investigate Wilbur D. Mills, then United States Representative from Arkansas, because the statute of limitations had passed concerning this matter. A copy of this article is enclosed.

The December 5, 1975, issue of this newspaper contains an article entitled "Oil money to be returned." This article alleges that Mr. Strauss decided to return \$50,000 in campaign contributions provided to the Democratic National Committee in 1970 by the Ashland Oil Company, Incorporated. A copy of this article is enclosed.

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The Office of Watergate Special Prosecution Force, Department of Justice, has advised Mr. Strauss is not the present subject of an investigation by that office.

Information has now been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either [redacted] concerning

Mr. Strauss:

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil
Service Commission; United States Secret
Service; and [redacted]

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Oil money to be returned

DEC. 5, 1975

WASHINGTON (UPI—
Democratic National Com-
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Strauss) said Thursday the party will return a \$50,000 campaign contribution illegally given in 1970 by the Ashland Oil Co.

Strauss, speaking at a luncheon of the Washington Press Club, said he accepted the money five years ago when oil-company officials vowed it came from their personal funds.

He said when it was learned in the last year the money came from the company, a violation of federal law, he appointed a committee to recommend what should be done.

He said the party had no legal obligation to return the money, but the committee headed by national treasurer Edward Bennett Williams recommended it be repaid, and "our decision is made. It is being carried on our books now as a debt to be repaid."

Strauss said because of a stockholders' court suit against the company, the time of repayment was not known but he expected a partial payment to be made within the next month or so.

Strauss told of the decision to repay the Ashland contribution after a speech in which he sharply attacked politicians who seek office by running against big government and federal efforts to solve national problems.

"Nostalgic and oversimplified look of a return to the good old days plays to the Ford-Reagan negative approach to national problems and is dangerous," Strauss said. "We must develop a rational leader to follow into the next decade instead of a nonleader who only wants to ride behind monetary popular moods for political gain or office."

"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas
December 5, 1975

(Robert Schwarz Strauss)

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Fund-Raising Cases Dropped Against Two

NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York Daily News has reported that the Watergate special prosecutor's office has been forced to drop plans to prosecute Democratic National Chairman (Robert Strauss) and to investigate Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., because of the statute of limitations in a recently passed law. 22A

The News said both cases concerned political fund raising. (circled)

"Before enactment of the new campaign law... the limitations on prosecution of campaign-spending violations was five years," the News said. "The amendments, passed in the House last year and retained during a House-Senate conference, cut this to three years and applied it retroactively."

"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas
May 5, 1975

(Robert Schwarz Strauss)

No Strauss Decision Yet

APR 26 1975

By BARBARA STRONG

WASHINGTON

The Watergate special prosecutor's office has not made a final decision regarding the possible prosecution of Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss of Dallas for handling an illegal \$50,000 campaign contribution from Ashland Oil Co.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office said Friday the Campaign Finances Task Force is waiting for the views of the Justice Department on the statute of limitations involved in "certain cases" before making a final decision on the Strauss case.

The spokesman refused to

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say specifically if the prosecutor's office had asked the Justice Department for its view regarding the limitations in the case against Strauss.

However, asked if the prosecutor's office had abandoned plans to prosecute Strauss as had been reported by the New York Daily News, the spokesman said, "We couldn't have. We have not received a reply

(from the Justice Department)."

STRAUSS received the \$30,000 contribution while he was Democratic party treasurer in 1970 and 1971. Last year Ashland Oil Co. admitted that it was an illegal corporate contribution.

Strauss has said that he was not aware of the illegal nature of the contribution. His identity of the donor was not disclosed in public reports which Strauss filed at the time despite the 1925 Corrupt Practices Act which was in force then and which required political committees operating in more than one state to publicly disclose the names and addresses of all donors of \$100 or more.

Strauss has said that he felt the money had come originally from many donors who each gave less than \$100. He has cited this as his reason for lumping the \$50,000 under miscellaneous contributions.

The special prosecutor's office has asked the Justice Department for its view on whether the statute of limitations in the 1925 act has been shortened from five to three years by the Federal Election Campaign Amendments Act of 1974.

That act says: "No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any violation of Title III of this Act... unless the indictment is found or the information is instituted within three years after the date of violation."

While the 1971 act set five

years as the statute of limitations, the new law amended that act retroactively.

THE 1971 act repealed the 1925 Corrupt Practices Act but it did not eliminate liability under that old statute for any violation occurring prior to the effective date of the 1971 act.

The prosecutor's office spokesman said that the period which remains in question is 1970-71, the same period during which Strauss accepted the Ashland contribution.

Although the special prosecutor's office "is not bound" by the views of the Justice Department on the question of the statute of limitations, the spokesman said no decision will be made before the reply is received sometime this month.

"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas
April 26, 1975

(Robert Schwarz Strauss)

Robert Strauss

Strauss-Connally Link ^{XX}

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Under National Scrutiny

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Senior Political Analyst

The relationship of the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Robert Strauss of Dallas, and former Texas Gov. John B. Connally, who headed the Democrats for Nixon organization, is coming under national scrutiny, and the examination of it by party leaders may be intensified.

This scarcely seems to be the time for exultation over the ascendancy of Texans in both parties. In fact, this could be the road to ruin.

To suggest that there is collusion between Strauss, Connally and George Bush, who will become the next chairman of the Republican National Committee, is to suggest that there has been a complete breakdown in the 2-party system.

BUT THIS IS what is being widely suggested in Texas—that, regardless of party affiliations, Texas is going to be the top dog in the national political heap.

Inevitably, this kind of talk is going to invite serious repercussions in other parts of the country. There is already sufficient anti-Texas sentiment in the nation to make the situation tenuous. A manifestation of Texas chauvinism and favoritism could turn out to be devastating.

It is appropriate to review the Strauss-Connally relationship as it pertains to the national political picture.

As is well known, the two men are old friends, dating back to their University of Texas days. As governor, Connally picked Strauss to be the Texas committeeman on the Democratic National Committee. They have worked hand in glove over the years on state and national politics. It was a harmonious relationship.

Paths Diverge

But in 1972 their political paths diverged. Strauss remained loyal to the party that had won the respect and admiration of Richard Nixon and been appointed his Treasury secretary, elected to head up the Democrats for Nixon movement.

Since the Nov. 7 election, Strauss has been a leader of the moderate-conservative Democrats endeavoring to pull the national party, which veered left-wing under the McGovernites, back to the center. Connally, meanwhile, has been an outspoken defender of the Nixon administration, and although he retains his identity as a Democrat, he is regarded by the liberals as, at least, a potential Republican. Strauss himself has predicted that Connally will become a Republican.

Finally Relented

Strauss was reluctant to become a candidate for national Democratic chairman, but he finally relented. On Dec. 9, after considerable intra-party wrangling, he won the post.

Before the vote, Strauss told friends that his main obstacle in wooing general party support was the fact that Connally had endorsed him for chairman. He had hoped that Connally, who is intensely disliked by the northern liberals, would remain silent.

Strauss, seeking party unity, had to overcome this endorsement. But the suspicion lingers among the liberals that he may be a handmaiden of John B. Connally.

THE HARD realities of the situation are these:

1. Strauss, as national chairman, will have to maintain a drumfire of criticism of the Nixon administration and endeavor to rally Democrats of all persuasions behind the party's candidates in 1974 and 1976.

2. Connally, as a confidante and close friend of Nixon, will feel it incumbent upon him to defend the administration, whether he decides to become a Republican or not.

The worst thing that can happen to Strauss, as he attempts to reconstruct the Democratic Party along more reasonable lines, is for there to be wide acceptance of the notion that he is the back and can of Connally.

Strauss said recently that Connally didn't own him and he didn't own Connally.

He should be taken at his word.

"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas
December 20, 1972

(Robert Schwarz Strauss)

Virginian to Move To Oust Strauss

APR 22 1973

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Calling national Democratic Chairman Robert S. Strauss "John Connally's stooge," Virginia Democratic Chairman Joseph Fitzpatrick said Saturday he will initiate a recall move to oust Strauss.

Fitzpatrick said that Connally, the former Democratic governor of Texas who became President Nixon's Treasury secretary and worked for Nixon's re-election, was the man who helped Strauss get where he is today in the Democratic party. Fitzpatrick said he wondered if Connally wasn't calling in some political I.O.U.'s.

"He's John Connally's stooge," Fitzpatrick said.

"I was one of six state chairmen who met with Strauss April 11. We were all parties in the Watergate civil suit," Fitzpatrick said.

"Strauss wanted to settle for

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\$500,000. We were adamant that we didn't want to settle. He said later he had had a conversation with John Mitchell.

"I wonder if he also has been in communication with John Connally?" Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick said besides himself the state party chairmen of Alabama, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania attended the meeting.

Fitzpatrick said in an interview that at the next meeting of the Democratic National Committee he will initiate a recall move to oust Strauss. Strauss is the former national party treasurer who supplanted Mrs. Jean Westwood as party chairman shortly after the defeat of Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern last fall.

"I INTEND to attend the next meeting of the national committee to move we recall Robert Strauss," Fitzpatrick said. Last week Strauss told the Washington Post that he had refused Fitzpatrick's appeal for the national party to financially back Virginia candidates in races for state-wide office this fall.

"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas
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Hale Champlin, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Henry Jacob Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Richard D. Warden, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Eileen Shanahan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE
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Robert S. Strauss, of Texas, to be Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Gerald Paul Dinneen, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

David E. McGiffert, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees' commitments to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following officer under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 8066, to be assigned to a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President under subsection (a) of section 8066, in grade as follows:

To be general

Lt. Gen. William G. Moore, Jr., 462-03-9046FR (major general, Regular Air Force), U.S. Air Force.

The following officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated, under the provisions of chapters 35, 831, and 837, title 10, United States Code:

To be brigadier general

Colonel John B. Conaway, 315-30-2700FG, Air National Guard.

The following named officer to be placed on the retired list in grade indicated under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 3962:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. William Bennison Fuiton, 567-05-6670, Army of the United States (major general, U.S. Army).

The following named officer to be placed on the retired list in grade indicated under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 3962:

To be lieutenant general

Lieutenant General John Alfred Kjellstrom, 339-12-9525, Army of the United States (major general, U.S. Army).

IN THE NAVY

Rear Adm. Kenneth M. Carr, U.S. Navy, having been designated for commands and other duties determined by the President to be within the contemplation of title 10, United States Code, section 5231, for appointment to the grade of vice admiral while so serving.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following colonels of the Marine Corps Reserve for appointment to the grade of brigadier general under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 5502:

Kenneth W. Weir
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Lieutenant General John N. McLaughlin, U.S. Marine Corps, when retired, to be placed on the Retired List in the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 5233.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following officer under the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 8066, to be assigned to a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President

under Subsection (a) of Section 8066, in grade as follows:

To be general

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IN THE ARMY

The following named officer under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 3066, to be assigned to a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President under subsection (a) of Section 3066, in grade as follows:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John Rutherford McGiffert II, 448-18-9799, U.S. Army.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

Maj. Gen. Andrew W. O'Donnell, U.S. Marine Corps, having been designated, in accordance with the provisions of title 10, U.S. Code, section 5232, for commands and other duties determined by the President to be within the contemplation of said section, for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while so serving.

IN THE ARMY

Army nominations beginning James J. Hill, to be colonel, and ending David C. Zimmerman, to be second lieutenant, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 14, 1977.

IN THE NAVY

Navy nominations beginning David H. Acton, to be lieutenant, and ending Jeri M. Rigoulot, to be lieutenant, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 1, 1977.

Navy nominations beginning Ronald J. Abler, to be lieutenant commander, and ending Margaret F. Hamman, to be lieutenant commander, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 1, 1977.

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The central files of the FBI and the records of the Identification Division contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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TO: OCIS, Rm 3050 TL - 231
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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY, Rm 5161 attention

SUBJECT: Robert Schwarz Strauss, SPIN, BUDED: 8-29-83.

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The Bureau has been requested to conduct and expedite investigation of the above-captioned subject, who is being considered for an unspecified Presidential appointment. The indicated unit is requested to check appropriate indices based upon available information concerning subject, employment, and all close relatives. It is requested that the results of your checks, whether positive or negative, be indicated in the spaces provided below, and relayed to the Special Inquiry Unit (SPIN), Rm 5161, via routing slip marked "URGENT."

Subject is described as follows:

Result

Name: Robert Schwarz Strauss
 DOB: 10-19-18
 POB: Lockhart, TX
 SSAN: 466-20-2583
 Current residence: 1333 New Hampshire Ave, NW
Washington, D.C.
 Employment: self-employed

Close Relatives:

<u>Result</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Residence</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Helen J. Strauss</u>	<u>10-9-18</u>	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>
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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
OF STRAUSS FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED
BUT WILL REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION.

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ALL OFFICES CHECK INDICES AND ELSUR FILES BASED UPON
AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE, HIS CLOSE RELATIVES
AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT.

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20 POSITIVE, FOLLOW WITH COPIES OF DOCUMENTS BY AIRTEL.

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16 THE ABOVE RECORD CHECKS AS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS
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14 STRAUSS IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY LAW FIRM OF AKIN, GUMP,
STRAUSS, HAUER, AND FELD, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 STRAUSS IS DESCRIBED AS BORN OCTOBER 19, 1918, IN
LOCKHART, TEXAS, HAS SSAN 466-20-2583, AND IS CURRENTLY RESIDING
10 AT 1333 NORTH HAMPSHIRE, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D. C.

CLOSE RELATIVES: WIFE, HELEN H. STRAUSS, BORN OCTOBER 9,
8 1918, RESIDES AT 1333 NORTH HAMPSHIRE, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON,
D. C.; [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] RESIDES

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SEARCH OF COLUMBIA INDICES AND ELSUR FILES REVEALS NO RECORD
REGARDING APPOINTEE OR HIS LISTED RELATIVES. COLUMBIA ELSUR INDICES
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983.

CHARLOTTE OFFICE INDICES WERE SEARCHED BY SECURITY PATROL

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ON AUGUST 15, 1983, PHOENIX OFFICE AND ELSUR INDICES WERE ~~SEARCHED~~ ^{SEARCHED} ~~INDEXED~~ ^{INDEXED}

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RECORDS WERE LOCATED ON THE FOLLOWING:

APPOINTEE: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS. APPOINTEE'S BUSINESS:

AKIN, GRUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER, AND FELD. APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES:

WIFE - HELEN H.^b STRAUSS.

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

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ON AUGUST 16, 1983, GENERAL INDICES WAS CHECKED BY CLERK

[REDACTED] AND A SERIAL REFERENCE TO ROBERT STRAUSS
WAS LOCATED UNDER A 211 CLASSIFICATION (ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT
ACT OF 1978). SERIAL REFERENCE IS A BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALL SACS
DATED MARCH 24, 1980, ENTITLED "SPECIAL PROSECUTOR LEGISLATION"
WITH AN ATTACHED LIST OF INDIVIDUALS. THE ATTACHMENT IS ENTITLED
"PERSONS COVERED BY TITLE VI OF THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF
1978, 28 U.S.C. 591 ET SEQ." ROBERT STRAUSS IS LISTED AS THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE CARTER-MONDALE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE (1980) OF
THE ATTACHMENT. RELATIVES OF APPOINTEE WERE NEGATIVE IN INDICES.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 15, 1983.

A REVIEW OF THE CINCINNATI OFFICE GENERAL INDICES BY SC

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INFORMANT FILE INDEX BY CONFIDENTIAL CLERK
ON AUGUST 16, 1983, BASED UPON INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES FURNISHED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE,
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ON AUG. 16, 1983, SECURITY PATROL CLERK [REDACTED]
CHECKED GENERAL INDICES, FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED] CHECKED
SPECIAL INDICES AND ASSISTANT ELSUR COORDINATOR [REDACTED]
CHECKED ELSUR INDICES REGARDING CAPTIONED APPOINTEE, CLOSE
RELATIVES AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT LISTED IN REFERENCED
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

ELSUR, INFORMANT, AND GENERAL INDICES CHECKED WITHIN THE
MEMPHIS DIVISION RE APPOINTEE/APPLICANT AND CLOSE RELATIVES
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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 16, 1983, FILE CLERK [REDACTED] CHECKED

THE ELSUR INDICES AND ON AUGUST 17, 1983, SC [REDACTED]

CHECKED THE GENERAL INDICES OF THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE WITHOUT

LOCATING ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE AND MEMBERS

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ON AUGUST 17, 1983, SPECIAL CLERK (SC)

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CLERK [REDACTED] RESPECTIVELY, REVIEWED INDICES AND
ELSUR FILES REGARDING APPOINTEE AND RELATIVES.

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REBUTEL TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983.

ANCHORAGE DIVISION GENERAL INDICES, AS CHECKED BY SPC [REDACTED]

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983.

THE LITTLE ROCK GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES WERE NEGA-
TIVE REGARDING ANYTHING IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE AND CLOSE
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ON AUGUST 15, 1983, NEW HAVEN OFFICE GENERAL INDICES AS SEARCHED BY [REDACTED] AND ELSUR INDICES AS SEARCHED BY [REDACTED] WERE NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE'S CLOSE RELATIVES AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT.

NHO GENERAL INDICES REFLECTED REFERENCES 211-00-3, PAGES 4 AND 5 IN MARCH, 1980, FOR ROBERT S. STRAUSS WHICH INDICATE ONE ROBERT S. STRAUSS IS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND CHAIRMAN FOR CARTER-MONDALE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE (1980). NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA AVAILABLE. BUREAU IS REFERRED TO BUAIRTEL TO ALL SAC'S, MARCH 24, 1980, CAPTIONED "SPECIAL

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[REDACTED] REVIEWED NORFOLK INDICES AND FOUND THEM
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ON AUGUST 16, 1983, SECRETARY [REDACTED]
REVIEWED NORFOLK ELSUR INDICES AND FOUND THEM NEGATIVE RE
APPOINTEE AND ALL LISTED MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED AT
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED AUGUST 15, 1983. Civil Rights & Special Inquiries

ON AUGUST 15, 1983, THE ALBUQUERQUE GENERAL AND ELSUR INDICES WERE CHECKED FOR APPOINTEE, MEMBERS OF APPOINTEE'S FAMILY AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS BY THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PERSONNEL:

GENERAL INDICES.

ELSUR INDICES.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AND NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ SIRAUS; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED AUGUST 25, 1983, WOF.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

WHERE APPROPRIATE, PRIVACY ACT (E) (3) DATA WAS FURNISHED TO PERSONS INTERVIEWED. EXPRESS PROMISES OF CONFIDENTIALITY, BOTH LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, HAVE BEEN NOTED WHERE GRANTED.

ON AUGUST 17, 1983, THE ELSUR INDICES OF THE RICHMOND DIVISION, AS CHECKED BY RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT [REDACTED] THE INFORMANT INDICES, AS CHECKED BY CLERK [REDACTED], AND THE GENERAL INDICES, AS CHECKED BY CLERK [REDACTED] WERE NEGATIVE AS TO APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES.

NO REPORT FOLLOWS.

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ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 18, 1983, THE GENERAL OFFICE INDICES AND THE ELSUR INDICES OF THE BOSTON DIVISION WERE SEARCHED BY IA [REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE AND HIS CLOSE RELATIVES BASED ON INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29,
1983, WITHOUT FAIL. (B)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 15, 1983, SPC [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA CITY

DIVISION, CHECKED GENERAL INDICES FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE

RELATIVES; FILE CLERK [REDACTED] REVIEWED CONFIDENTIAL

INDICES FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES ON AUGUST 16, 1983;

[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL TYPIST, SEARCHED THE ELSUR FILES

ON AUGUST 17, 1983, FOR APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES; [REDACTED]

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RELATIVES ON AUGUST 16, 1983.

ALL FILES CHECKED NEGATIVE.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

GENERAL OFFICE AND ELSUR INDICES CONTAIN NO PERTINENT
IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICANT OR THOSE IMMEDIATE
FAMILY MEMBERS LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IN ADDITION, GENERAL OFFICE AND ELSUR INDICES NEGATIVE
REGARDING APPLICANT'S EMPLOYMENT FIRM.

GENERAL OFFICE INDICES SEARCH CONDUCTED ON AUGUST 15, 1983,
BY FILE CLERK

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FILE ASSISTANT

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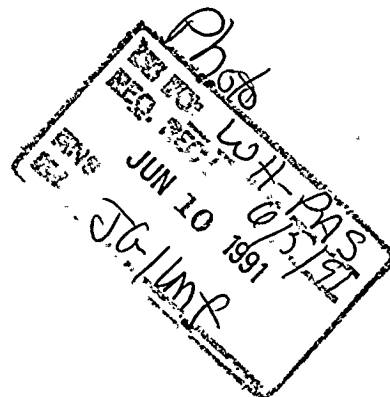
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Report of: IA [REDACTED]
Date: 8/18/83
Field Office File #: [REDACTED]
Title: Robert Schwarz Strauss

Office: San Francisco

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Character: Special Inquiry (B).

Synopsis: No arrest record located for Applicant's [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:The following investigation was conducted by IA
[REDACTED]AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:b6
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On August 17, 1983, records of the San Francisco Police Department, Bureau of Identification were checked and revealed no record for Appointee's [REDACTED]

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 19, 1983. WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

A REVIEW OF PITTSBURGH INDICES AND ELSUR FILES FAILED TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY EXCEPT FOR FOLLOWING. APPOINTEE APPEARED ON A REVISED LIST OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROSECUTOR PROVISIONS OF THE ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978. THIS LIST WAS PROVIDED VIA SAC, ALBANY AIRTEL, DATED MARCH 24, 1980, CAPTIONED, "SPECIAL PROSECUTOR LEGISLATION."

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29,
1983, WITHOUT FAIL. (B)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983.

PORTLAND AND ELSUR INDICES WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING
APPOINTEE, CLOSE RELATIVES, AND CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AS
SEARCHED BY SSA [REDACTED] ON AUGUST 17, 1983

SINCE THERE IS NO OTHER PORTLAND INVESTIGATION, NO
REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: AUG. 29, 1983,
WITHOUT FAIL (B).

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED AUG. 15, 1983.

ON AUG. 15, 1983, [REDACTED] FILE CLERK, INDIANAPOLIS
DIVISION, SEARCHED OFFICE INDICES AND ADVISED NO IDENTIFIABLE
INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ON AUG. 15, 1983, [REDACTED] FILE ASSISTANT,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION, SEARCHED CONFIDENTIAL INDICES AND ADVISED
NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ON AUG. 16, 1983, [REDACTED] FILE CLERK, INDIANAPOLIS
DIVISION, SEARCHED ELSUR FILES AND ADVISED NO IDENTIFIABLE
INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

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BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE, ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, HIS CLOSE RELATIVES AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, THE GENERAL INDICES OF THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE WERE SEARCHED ON AUGUST 15, 1983, AND THE ELSUR INDICES WERE SEARCHED ON AUGUST 18, 1983, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE LOUISVILLE GENERAL INDICES WERE SEARCHED BY RECORDS UNIT CLERK [REDACTED] AND THE ELSUR INDICES WERE SEARCHED BY SA [REDACTED]

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 8-29-83,
WITHOUT FAIL. (B)

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES 8-15-83.

JACKSON GENERAL INDICES CHECKED BY [REDACTED] ELSUR

AND INFORMANT INDICES CHECKED BY [REDACTED] AND ALL

NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE, CLOSE RELATIVES, AND PRESENT

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ESTABLISHMENT. JACKSON DOES NOT HAVE ISIS.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPIN

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED, AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 16-18, 1983, THE INDICES AND ELSUR FILES OF THE ATLANTA DIVISION WERE SEARCHED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE OR CLOSE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

ELSUR SEARCHED BY CLERICAL EMPLOYEE (CE) [REDACTED]

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 19, 1983,
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RE: BUREAU TELETYPE DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1982 AND AUGUST 15,
1983.

ON AUGUST 16, 1983, INDICES AND ELSUR INDICES OF THE SAN
FRANCISCO OFFICE WERE CHECKED BY CLERKS [REDACTED] AND

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[REDACTED] AND NO INFORMATION WAS FOUND IDENTIFIABLE WITH
THE APPOINTEE AND LISTED RELATIVES.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS: SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED AUGUST 29, 1983.

RE BUREAU LETTER TO ALBUQUERQUE DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

APPOINTEE'S DATE OF BIRTH IS OCTOBER 19, 1918, AT LOCKHART,

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[REDACTED] RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, TUCSON, ARIZONA, IS COVERED
BY THE PHOENIX DIVISION.

PHOENIX AT TUCSON, ARIZONA. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTI-
GATION RE APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED]

ALBUQUERQUE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. WILL FORWARD BACK-
GROUND DATA AND RECORDS RELEASE TO PHOENIX DIVISION.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983, WITHOUT FAIL (B)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 19, 1983, DETROIT INDICES SEARCHED BY SPECIAL CLERK

[REDACTED] WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS: DETROIT INDICES INDICATE THAT A ROBERT S. STRAUSS WAS MENTIONED IN DETROIT FILE 28-670. MAIN SUBJECTS OF DETROIT FILE 28-670 ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROBERT S. STRAUSS.

INDICES REFLECTS THAT ROBERT S. STRAUSS, NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED, WAS THE SUBJECT OF A COPYRIGHT MATTER INVESTIGATION. WITH INFORMATION AVAILABLE, DETROIT UNABLE

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TO DETERMINE IF APPOINTEE IS IDENTICAL TO ROBERT S.
STRAUSS, THE SUBJECT IN THE COPYRIGHT MATTER INVESTIGATION.

ON AUGUST 19, 1983, DETROIT ELSUR CHECKS PERFORMED
BY CLERICAL EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] REVEALED NO RECORD
REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES.

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DETROIT INFORMANT INDICES CHECKS PERFORMED ON
AUGUST 19, 1983, BY CLERK [REDACTED] REGARDING
APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES REVEALED NO RECORD.

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Date 8/19/83.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (RUC)
 SUBJECT: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
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 BUDED: 8/29/83

Re Albuquerque teletype to Director and Phoenix, dated 8/19/83.

Enclosed for Phoenix are background data and records release received for investigation.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983.
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES, AUGUST 16, 1983.

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LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, HAVE BEEN NOTED WHERE GRANTED.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT TAMPA,
FLORIDA:

ON AUGUST 16, 1983, A CHECK OF GENERAL INDICES BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] APPLICANT CLERK, AND ELSUR INDICES BY [REDACTED]
CLERK, REVEALED NO RECORD FOR APPOINTEE OR ANY OF HIS IDENTIFIED
RELATIVES.

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THE ABOVE COMPLETES ALL INVESTIGATION AT TAMPA.

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ON AUGUST 16, 1983, BUTTE GENERAL OFFICE INDICES AND OFFICE
EL SUR INDICES WERE REVIEWED BY CLERK [REDACTED] AND CLERK [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RESPECTIVELY. NO RECORD WAS FOUND IDENTIFIABLE
WITH APPOINTEE OR HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New Orleans [redacted] - RUC -

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS;
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BUDED: AUG. 29, 1983

Re Bureau teletype to all field offices 8/15/83 and New Orleans teletype to Bureau 8/22/83.

Enclosed are copies of (1) Deputy Attorney General memorandum to all US Attorneys, Assistant Attorneys General, Director, FBI, etal, dated 2/2/79; (2) Bureau airtel to Albany dated 2/20/79; (3) New Orleans FD-160 dated 3/7/79; (4) New Orleans report of SA [redacted] dated 7/13/77, captioned [redacted]

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New Orleans [redacted] - RUC -

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SPIN; BUDED: 29, 1983

RE: New Orleans airtel August 22, 1983.

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REFERENCE: WFO teletype dated July 8, 1977, and New Orleans teletype dated July 11, 1977.

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was apprised of provisions of the Privacy Act and thereafter requested confidentiality.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION -
APPLICANT**

Synopsis:

Source advised he knew applicant briefly when

she worked as [REDACTED]

He advised applicant was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Source
advised he would recommend applicant for position of trust
with Federal Government if [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

NO T-1 advised he knew applicant for only a
short period of time as a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Applicant
was a [REDACTED] and very dedicated to her job; however,
she had a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NO T-1
also stated applicant had a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] however, NO T-1 could
not recall the [REDACTED] NO T-1 considered
the applicant's only character flaws to be these [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NO T-1 advised applicant was a loyal U. S. citizen,
but that he could not comment on her associates due to
the limited time he knew applicant. NO T-1 advised he would

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recommend applicant for a position of trust with the Federal
government if [REDACTED]

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ROBERT SCHWARTZ STAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MIAMI, AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 19, 1983, THE FOLLOWING MIAMI OFFICE RECORDS WERE
CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING APPLICANT AND ALL
CLOSE RELATIVES:

GENERAL OFFICE INDICES WERE CHECKED BY CLERK [REDACTED]

ELSUR INDICES WERE CHECKED BY CLERK [REDACTED]

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 19, 1983, A REVIEW OF JACKSONVILLE GENERAL
INDICES, CONFIDENTIAL INDICES AND ELSUR INDICES WAS MADE
CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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INDICES CHECKS CONDUCTED BY JACKSONVILLE EMPLOYEES

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ROBERT SCHWARZ, STRAUSS, SPIN, BUDED: AUG. 29, 1983, WOF (B)

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL FBI OFFICES, AUG. 15, 1983.

ON AUG. 22, 1983, A SEARCH OF SPRINGFIELD GENERAL INDICES
AND ELSUR INDICES REGARDING APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES
NEGATIVE.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPIN, BUDED 8/29/83.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED 8/15/83.

GENERAL INDICES AND ELSUR CHECKS WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING THE APPOINTEE, RELATIVES AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT.

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THE CONFERENCE PRIMARILY DISCUSSED [REDACTED] AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH BANKING INDUSTRIES IN FLORIDA. IT WAS INDICATED THAT THE TAMPA OFFICE WAS UTILIZING THE BUREAU'S COMPUTER SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION. THE TAMPA DIVISION LEFT A COPY OF THE TAMPA INVESTIGATIVE TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR INDEXING PURPOSES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE FOR THE KNOXVILLE OFFICE. THIS TABLE OF CONTENTS WAS PRODUCED BY THEIR COMPUTER DATA BASE. THE TABLE OF CONTENTS, IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS NAMES AND COMPANIES, DISCLOSED THE NAME OF ROBERT STRAUSS AND IDENTIFIED IN INK IS THE NOTATION, "FORMER CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE."

THE TAMPA DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIER FILES RE [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF THE ROBERT STRAUSS MENTIONED IN [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL TO THE APPOINTEE.

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RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, 8/15/83.

APPOINTEE LISTED ONLY TWO CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES ON SF-86.

THIRD CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATE IS RICHARD A. GUMP, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAVER, AND FELD, DALLAS, TEXAS. APPOINTEE IS MEMBER OF COMMISSION ON CENTRAL AMERICA-BUDED 8/25/83, NOON.

LEAD. DALLAS DIVISION. AT DALLAS, TEXAS. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW OF GUMP.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPIN. BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

ON AUGUST 18 - 19, 1983, NEW ORLEANS INDICES AND ELSUR RECORDS WERE SEARCHED RE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES. NEW ORLEANS INDICES REFERS TO ROBERT S. STRAUSS IN MARCH, 1979: NEW ORLEANS INDICES REFERS TO [REDACTED] IN JULY, 1977. ALL OTHER CLOSE RELATIVES NEGATIVE. INDICES SEARCHED BY CLOSED FILE SUPV.

[REDACTED] ELSUR SEARCHED BY SA [REDACTED]

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WITHOUT FAIL. (B)

REBUTEL TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, KANSAS CITY GENERAL OFFICE
INDICES SHOW REFERENCE TO A ROBERT STRAUSS (KC 211-00-6).
REFERENCE IS A BUAIRTEL TO ALL SAC'S DATED MARCH 24, 1980,
ENTITLED SPECIAL PROSECUTOR LEGISLATION, WHEREAS A ROBERT
STRAUSS WAS ON A LIST OF PERSONS COVERED BY TITLED VI OF THE
ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978 28 U. S. C. 591 ET SEQ. KANSAS
CITY UNABLE TO IDENT TO CAPTIONED APPOINTEE. KANSAS CITY GENERAL
INDICES ALSO SHOW REFERENCE TO A [REDACTED] LISTED AS VICTIM
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SEARCH CONDUCTED ON AUGUST 19, 1983 BY [REDACTED] -

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

THE FOLLOWING INDICES AND COMPUTER LIST OF THE MOBILE OFFICERS WERE SEARCHED ON APPOINTEE AND ALL OF APPOINTEE'S RELATIVES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS, AS INDICATED BELOW:

OFFICE INDICES BY CLERK	ON AUGUST 16, 1983.
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EL SUR INDICES BY FILE CLERK	ON AUGUST 19, 1983.
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INFORMANT INDICES BY FILE ASSISTANT [REDACTED], ON
AUGUST 17, 1983.

NAME/IDENT COMPUTER LIST OF ARCHIVED DATA BASE CASE "OPFOPEN"
BY FILE CLERK [REDACTED] ON AUGUST 19, 1983. 111-12570 -

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPI (B). BUDED: NOON, AUGUST 25, 1983,
WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983, AND BUTEL TO ALL
OFFICES, AUGUST 20, 1983.

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE
PRIVACY ACT, AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE BEEN SO
NOTED.

ON AUGUST 16, 1983, SEARCH OF ST. LOUIS GENERAL INDICES BY
MAIL AND FILE CLERK [REDACTED] WAS NEGATIVE REGARDING
APPOINTEE'S CLOSE RELATIVES MENTIONED IN REFERENCED BUTEL. ON
AUGUST 19, 1983, SEARCH OF ST. LOUIS ELSUR INDICES BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS NEGATIVE REGARDING 21 1986

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, BORN OCTOBER 19, 1918.

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ST. LOUIS GENERAL INDICES DISCLOSED ONE REFERENCE TO ONE ROBERT STRAUSS, FORMER CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN FOR RE-ELECTION OF FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER. REFER TO ALBUQUEQUE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 30, 1981, CAPTIONED: "FASTRAX." OO: NEW YORK. BUFILE:

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FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW CASE FILE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH MAY RELATE TO APPOINTEE.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 15, 1983; AND BUREAU TELETYPE
TO ALL OFFICES DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1982.

ON AUGUST 17, 1983, [REDACTED] CAUSED ALEXANDRIA GENERAL
INDICES TO BE SEARCHED, AND [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE
OF ISIS FILES, BOTH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS ON THE APPOINTEE AND THE
APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, [REDACTED]
CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF CFR AND ELSUR FILES ON AUGUST 17,
1983, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS ON THE APPOINTEE AND THE MEMBERS OF
THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPIN, BUDED - AUGUST 24, 1983.

RE: BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 15, 1983.

OFFICE INDICES AND ELSUR FILES NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE
AND CLOSE RELATIVES AS OF AUGUST 23, 1983.

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] HANDLED THIS MATTER.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED, AUGUST 15, 1983.

LAS VEGAS GENERAL INDICES REFLECT A MAIN 161 CASE ON CAPTIONED SUBJECT. THE CASE WAS RUC'D ON MARCH 3, 1977. A REVIEW OF THE FILE SHOWS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

ELSUR INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE AND FAMILY MEMBERS. GENERAL INDICES ARE ALSO NEGATIVE ON FAMILY MEMBERS.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUG. 29, 1983,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, AUG. 15, 1983.

BH GZNERAL AND ELSUR INDICES NEGATIVE RE STRAUSS, HIS CLOSE
RELATIVES, AND PRESENT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF A REFERENCE CONTAINED IN BUREAU AIRTELS, DATED FEB. 20,
1979, AND MARCH 24, 1980, BOTH CAPTIONED, "SPECIAL PROSECUTOR LEGIS-
LATION", IN WHICH STRAUSS WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE SPECIAL REPRESENTA-
TIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE MARCH 24, 1980, AIRTEL, STRAUSS
WAS ADDITIONALLY IDENTIFIED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 1980 CARTER-MONDALE
PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION NOTED.

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RE DIRECTOR TELETYPE TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES
DATED AUG. 15, 1983.

A SEARCH OF OFFICE INDICES BY [REDACTED]
AND ELSUR FILES BY [REDACTED] ON AUG. 24, 1983,
CONCERNING APPOINTEE OR CLOSE RELATIVES WAS NEGATIVE
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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPIN; BUDED: AUGUST 24, 1983.

RE BUTEL TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS, AUGUST 15, 1983.

BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RE BUTEL, A SEARCH OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS & SPECIAL INQ. SECT. CHICAGO OFFICE RECORDS DISCLOSED NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED APPOINTEE OR HIS CLOSE RELATIVES AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

ON AUGUST 16, 1983, GENERAL INDICES WAS SEARCHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ELSUR BY [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL INDICES BY

[REDACTED] AND ISIS BY [REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, CHICAGO IS NOT CONDUCTING ANY

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SAVANNAH OFFICE INDICES AND ELSUR INDICES NEGATIVE
REGARDING APPOINTEE, RELATIVES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT
AS LISTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPES.

OFFICE INDICES SEARCHED BY SPC [REDACTED] ON

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ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29,
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A REVIEW OF NEW YORK GENERAL INDICES ON AUGUST 23, 1983
BY SPECIAL CLERK [REDACTED] REVEALED NO IDENTIFIABLE
INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICANT OR MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

A CHECK OF ELSUR INDICES ON AUGUST 23, 1983, BY SUPPORT
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

ALBANY INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES LISTED IN REFTEL.

GENERAL INDICES SEARCHED ON AUGUST 21, 1983, BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUPPORT SERVICES AIDE.

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ELSUR INDICES SEARCHED ON AUGUST 23, 1983, BY [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three newspaper articles.

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Persons contacted were apprised of the provisions of the
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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee has been associated with the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld since 1945; except from 1977 through 1980, when he was a member of the Carter Administration. Appointee recommended. References, Close Personal Associates and Associates recommend appointee. No derogatory information developed in neighborhood and appointee recommended. Appointee is currently an active member of the Texas Bar Association. Three newspaper articles of interest regarding appointee are enclosed in this report. No information indicating federal prosecutive action concerning appointee found with United States Attorney's Office. Appointee's credit record reflects eight revolving accounts, all paid as agreed with no record of late notices. No arrest record located regarding appointee and appointee's relatives.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

EMPLOYMENT

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 19, 1983, [redacted] Robert Strauss, was interviewed at the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld. [redacted] stated appointee has been associated with this law firm since 1945. [redacted] further stated the only break in service appointee has had with this law firm occurred from 1977, through 1980, when he was a member of the Carter Administration. Since 1970, appointee has been a full-time law partner in the firm.

[redacted] stated she first came to work for appointee in 1974 and has been with him ever since. She stated appointee is an excellent employer and a fine individual. She would recommend appointee for any position within the government.

On August 24, 1983, [redacted] of the law firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld, was interviewed and advised he has known appointee since 1949, when he, [redacted] went to work for appointee's law firm. [redacted] advised he was made a full partner in the law firm on January 1, 1966. [redacted] stated he has known appointee on a professional and social basis for the last thirty-four years, and he considers appointee to be a man of sterling character, and one of the most able and competent attorneys he has ever known. [redacted] stated appointee was a man of outstanding character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and he would not hesitate to recommend him for appointment to any position within the U. S. Government.

[redacted] was interviewed on August 24, 1983, and advised he has known appointee since 1963, when he was made a full partner in appointee's law firm. [redacted] stated it was his opinion that appointee is a man of outstanding character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and he would certainly recommend appointee to any position within the U. S. Government.

For interview of [redacted] refer to reference section.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

REFERENCES AND CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 18, 1983, [redacted] of the Republic National Bank, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated he first became acquainted with appointee and his family approximately thirty-three years ago. He had been involved in numerous business deals with appointee, both with himself and Republic Bank, and was closely associated with appointee and his family socially. [redacted] stated appointee had an excellent reputation as a businessman, and as an extremely intelligent attorney and civic leader in the Dallas area. [redacted] knows of no derogatory information regarding appointee and his family, and stated appointee is of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty, and he recommended appointee favorably for the position.

On August 19, 1983, Federal Judge Irving L. Goldberg, was interviewed at the Earl Cabell Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, and advised as follows:

Judge Goldberg stated he has known appointee since 1942, having taken part in appointee's wedding and was also a law partner of appointee in his law firm from 1950, until 1966, when he (Judge Goldberg) was appointed to the bench. He stated he was also a neighbor of appointee and was closely associated with appointee and his family, both in the law firm and socially. He stated appointee was an extremely intelligent attorney, and a good businessman, who enjoyed an excellent reputation in the neighborhood. He stated he would not hesitate to recommend appointee for any position that might involve the business of law. He stated appointee and his family are all of good character, reputation, associates, and loyalty.

On August 19, 1983, [redacted] Attorney, and

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member of appointee's law firm, was interviewed and provided the following information:

[] has known appointee since 1955, socially and in business. He was employed by appointee's law firm in 1960, and was made a partner in the law firm in 1962. He stated his parents and appointee's parents were close friends prior to that time, and was also acquainted with appointee's parents. He stated appointee was an outstanding attorney, who enjoyed an excellent reputation among fellow attorneys in the business world in Dallas, and was extremely intelligent and knowledgeable about law. He stated appointee and his family were all of good character, reputation, associates, and loyalty, and he knows of no derogatory information concerning them. [] recommends appointee favorably for any position.

On August 18, 1983, [] of Hudson and Hudson Realtors, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and advised as follows:

[] advised he has known appointee for approximately thirty-six years, and has been closely associated with appointee and his family. He stated appointee is brilliant, compassionate, and a good family man and a leader in the community. He stated appointee is an alert businessman, and an outstanding attorney, and he knows no derogatory information regarding appointee or appointee's family, and all are of good character, reputation, associates, and loyalty, and he would recommend appointee favorably for any position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
(SA) [REDACTED]

REFERENCE

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 22, 1983, [REDACTED] Law Firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haver & Feld, Dallas, Texas, advised that Mr. Richard Gump would not be available for comment regarding the appointee, due to his being out of town until August 29, 1983. [REDACTED] advised Gump could be contacted at 815 Sunfish, Austin, Texas, telephone number (512) 261-5466.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

ASSOCIATES

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 19, 1983, Henry Wade, District Attorney for Dallas County, Dallas County Courthouse, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and advised as follows:

Wade stated he vaguely remembers appointee when both attended the University of Texas, but has been closely associated with appointee from 1946, until the present time. He stated he has been acquainted with appointee's family and would consider appointee and appointee's family all to be of excellent character, reputation, associates, and loyalty, and knows of no derogatory information. He stated appointee has been an outstanding attorney and businessman, and would recommend appointee favorably for any position.

On August 19, 1983, [redacted]
[redacted] Dallas Bar Association, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and advised as follows:

[redacted] stated she does not know appointee personally but only through his reputation, which she has always heard to be excellent. [redacted] further advised appointee has an excellent reputation with her and all other attorneys that she knows in the Dallas area. [redacted] stated she has never heard any derogatory information concerning appointee. From information [redacted] has been able to overhear with her position with the Dallas Bar Association, she stated she would certainly recommend appointee for any position he may be considered for.

Federal Judge William Mac Taylor was interviewed at the Earl Cabell Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, on August 18, 1983, and advised as follows:

Judge Mac Taylor stated he has known appointee for approximately twenty-two years, both on a social and professional level. Judge Taylor stated appointee is an able

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individual in the courtroom, also as a politician and as a businessman. Judge Taylor stated he knows of no derogatory information regarding appointee, and would highly recommend appointee for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

On August 19, 1983, Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., Federal Judge, was interviewed at the Earl Cabell Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, and advised as follows:

Judge Sanders stated he has been closely associated with appointee for approximately six years, socially, politically, and legally. He stated he knows appointee's family well, and has been closely associated with appointee's law firm. Judge Sanders stated appointee and his law firm are considered to be one of the top law firms, and appointee and his family are all of excellent character, reputation, associates, and loyalty. Judge Sanders knows no derogatory information regarding appointee, and he considers appointee to be highly intelligent, and an outstanding businessman. Judge Sanders stated he would recommend appointee favorably for any position with the Federal Government.

On August 19, 1983, [redacted]
[redacted] Republic Bank Towers, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed and advised as follows:

[redacted] advised he has known appointee for approximately thirty-six years, and believed [redacted] appointee had when appointee started his law practice in Dallas. He stated during his political career and law practice, appointee has become known internationally, and his success along these lines have not interfered from his being a "down-to-earth individual", and a good family man. [redacted] stated appointee is a brilliant attorney and businessman, and is of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. [redacted] knows no derogatory information regarding appointee, and would recommend appointee favorably for any position.

On August 19, 1983, U. S. Magistrate William F. Sanderson, Jr., was interviewed at the Earl Cabell Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, and advised as follows:

Magistrate Sanderson stated he has known appointee through his reputation in the legal community of Dallas and considers him to be a very able and competent attorney and businessman. Sanderson further stated, as far as he knew, appointee was of excellent character, reputation, associates, and loyalty and based on what he knows of appointee, Sanderson stated he would certainly recommend him to any position with the Federal Government.

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On August 19, 1983, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], First International Bancshares, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], First National Bank, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed
and advised as follows:

[REDACTED] stated he has been a neighbor of appointee and has known appointee and his family for approximately thirty years. He further stated he has been closely associated with appointee and his family socially and would consider appointee to be an outstanding attorney, businessman, and civic leader for the State of Texas and City of Dallas. [REDACTED] stated appointee has an excellent reputation among business leaders and fellow attorneys. He stated he knows of no derogatory information regarding appointee or appointee's family, and they all are of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty. [REDACTED] stated he would recommend appointee favorably for any position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
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NEIGHBORHOOD

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

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Dallas, Texas

On August 22, 1983, [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed reference the appointee investigation.

[redacted] advised she had known appointee for approximately ten years. She described her relationship with appointee as that of a friend and neighbor. She stated appointee was a wonderful person, and she had never seen anything to contradict her opinion. She advised appointee was very reliable and had an excellent reputation within the community. She stated he was very active and maintained a high personal appearance at all times.

[redacted] advised appointee had a great sense of humor and was always very friendly. She further advised at one time she had not been able to locate her daughter. She advised that appointee assisted her in attempting to locate her daughter. She advised appointee found her daughter walking in a neighborhood approximately two blocks away.

[redacted] advised appointee loved to drink alcoholic beverages; but she had never seen him in a condition of extreme intoxication. She advised appointee and his wife were excellent neighbors. She stated appointee and his wife were away from their residence quite frequently. She advised she would highly recommend appointee to any position with the government.

On August 22, 1983, [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed reference the appointee investigation.

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[] advised he had known appointee for approximately thirteen years. He described his relationship with appointee as one of a neighbor.

[] advised appointee was a good neighbor and had a good reputation in the community. He advised he was unable to comment further on appointee because he has not had much contact with appointee.

[] advised appointee was a very quiet neighbor. He further advised he knew of no derogatory information relating to appointee.

On August 22, 1983, []
[] was interviewed reference the appointee investigation.

[] advised she had known appointee for approximately two years. She described her relationship as that of a neighbor. She stated she had no close dealings with appointee or his wife.

[] advised she did not know appointee well enough that she could comment on different aspects relating to the appointee. She advised it was her opinion appointee was very intelligent and articulate. She stated appointee was a very quiet neighbor. She advised she knew of no derogatory information relating to appointee. [] advised she considered appointee to be a good neighbor; but she noted appointee was frequently away from the residence.

On August 22, 1983, []
[] was interviewed reference the background investigation on appointee.

[] advised he had never met appointee. He stated he had lived at his residence for approximately one year.

[] advised he would not be able to comment on several aspects relating to appointee because of distant relationship with appointee. [] advised appointee was a good neighbor. He stated appointee maintained his residence in a very neat manner. [] advised he did not have any derogatory information regarding appointee.

On August 22, 1983, []
[], was interviewed reference the background

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investigation on appointee.

[] advised he had known appointee for approximately eight years. He stated he considered appointee a neighbor, and a friend. He advised that appointee was known throughout the neighborhood and the Dallas community as a man with an extremely high sense of duty, and integrity. He advised he considered appointee to be a good politician. He advised appointee was a loyal and dedicated American, and had an excellent ability to get along with people.

[] advised he considered appointee to be an excellent attorney, and that appointee had an excellent reputation throughout the community relating to his law skills. He knew of no alcohol or drug usage. [] advised he was a Republican. He stated that even though he was a Republican, he would highly recommend appointee to the position. He stated that a man of appointee's ability and integrity was well-suited for public service.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
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MISCELLANEOUS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 19, 1983, [REDACTED] of the Membership Department, Texas Bar Association, Dallas, Texas, was contacted and advised that Texas Bar Association records show Robert Schwarz Strauss to be an active member of the Texas Bar Association. [REDACTED] further stated association records show no complaints or grievances of any kind have ever been lodged against appointee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 19, 1983, a search of the newspaper files of the Dallas Morning News uncovered several news stories, the majority of which are general news stories concerning appointee's participation in the Carter Administration. Several others which may be of interest are being synopsized and photocopies of the articles themselves are being forwarded with this report.

The first article is dated August 13, 1981, and is entitled, "Election Foes Form Beer Partnership". This article concerns a business arrangement between James Baker, a Senior Advisor to Ronald Reagan, and appointee.

The next article is dated May 22, 1981, and is titled, "AT&T Wants Strauss To Reach Out". This article concerns AT&T hiring the law firm that appointee is associated with as a lobbyist to help, "shoot down" the increased competition it is finding at home and abroad.

The final article is dated April 9, 1982, and is titled, "Strauss' Firm Enters City's Lobbyist Derby". This article concerns the attempt by appointee's law firm to obtain the position with the City of Dallas as lobbyist.

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CHECK WITH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 24, 1983, [REDACTED] United States
Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, Texas,
advised the files of her agency contain no information indicating
federal prosecutive action concerning appointee.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special
Clerk [REDACTED]

CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 19, 1983, [REDACTED] Identification
and Records Section, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas,
and Captain [REDACTED] Identification Division, Dallas County
Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, advised the files of their
agencies contain no record or identifiable information regarding
the following individuals:

Robert Schwarz Strauss;
Helen J. Strauss; and
[REDACTED]

On August 24, 1983, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau Services,
Dallas, Texas, advised appointee has been in file since July, 1941.
Credit record reflects eight revolving accounts, all paid as agreed
with no record of late notices.

Election foes formed beer partnership

United Press International

WASHINGTON — James Baker, a senior adviser to Ronald Reagan, and Robert Strauss, chairman of the Carter re-election committee, became partners in a West Coast beer distributorship in the midst of the 1980 presidential campaign, the Scripps-Howard News Service reported Wednesday.

Richard Herman, former Republican Party vice chairman and the biggest stockholder in South Bay Beer Distributors of Los Angeles, said Baker owns 9.9 percent of the firm, the article said. Strauss, his son, Rick, and two Strauss business associates each own 3 percent, the report said.

Records filed with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control show Baker owns 110,000 of the company's 1 million outstanding shares, the report said. The Strauss group is listed with 33,000 shares for each of the four members.

Baker, now Reagan's chief of staff,

acknowledged making the investment and discussing it with Strauss "during a campaign in which the candidates could agree on very little," the article said.

Strauss, now in private law practice in Washington, could not be reached for comment.

Herman's long personal and business association with the two political rivals drew them into the deal, described by Paul DeNio, director of the California Beer Wholesalers Association, as a multimillion-dollar transaction, the story said.

A financial disclosure filed by Baker when he became Reagan's chief of staff listed his family's net worth at more than \$3.7 million. When he went to the White House, he placed his personal holdings, including the beer stock, in a blind trust.

The story quoted Herman as saying Baker and Strauss paid full value for their shares. He did not disclose the price.

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Strauss' firm enters city's lobbyist derby

JOHN ANDERS *Robert S. Strauss*



The most ardent lobbying seen around Dallas City Hall in some time, appropriately enough, is for the newly created position of lobbyist for the City of Dallas.

Instead of narrowing the choices from 16 finalists Tuesday, the City Council added 10 more names to the search list — illustrating the high interest generated by the creation of the Washington post.

And among the most prominent suitors is Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld — the law firm of former National Democratic Party chairman Bob Strauss. The sometime Dallasite is said to be taking an active and intense interest in landing the account for his firm.

Doesn't this position amount to small potatoes for a man of Strauss' stature?

Not really. The job is deemed a plum in Washington circles, and there has been a remarkable amount of jockeying for it. Dallas projects a big-bucks, oil-rich image nationally, and the person or firm serving as representative for the city can expect the association to open a lot of doors. Insiders say Strauss, who keeps a prominent national profile, also wishes to expand his image locally.

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld is no newcomer to the lobbying business. The firm already represents, among many others, the City of Houston. Dallas connections include Texas Instruments and Valley View Bank.

Perhaps underscoring Strauss' interest was City Councilman Lee Simpson's recent resignation from AGSH&F. Simpson quit to eliminate any possibility of conflict-of-interest accusations. Some say the resignation wasn't really necessary but that it ultimately reflects the firm's (and Strauss') fervent desire to have its clearest shot at landing the prized position.

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AT&T wants Strauss to reach out

Robert Strauss

By Caroline E. Mayer
Washington Star Service

WASHINGTON — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has hired a "big legal gun" — Bob Strauss of Dallas — to help shoot down the increased competition it is finding at home and abroad.

"We are obtaining his services as an attorney," AT&T spokesman Pic Wagner said.

Wagner's announcement reversed earlier AT&T statements during the past few weeks, denying rumors that AT&T was hiring the powerful Texas Democrat as a consultant to help the

phone giant in its congressional battles.

For the past five years, AT&T vigorously but unsuccessfully has urged Congress to enact legislation to end many of the uncertainties and confusion that have resulted from the government's decision to increase competition in the telephone industry. AT&T again is pushing for such legislation this year, and hearings on the issue began in a House subcommittee Wednesday.

AT&T's opponents have adamantly opposed such legislation, saying it could give AT&T an unfair advantage

in the highly lucrative communications industry.

Wagner said AT&T was not hiring Strauss "to work on any particular legislation. But if his advice and counsel might be considered useful, we might seek his assistance."

Strauss, as a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and the manager of the Carter-Mondale presidential campaign, has strong links to Democrats in Congress.

He has a lot of clout with the Democratic side of the House and could be a very formidable opponent to the development of any policy con-

trary to what AT&T wants," said one of AT&T's competitors.

But Strauss "is not being hired because he's a Democrat . . . We don't hold that against him either," Wagner jokingly added.

AT&T hired him because "he is a very able person," who among other things could be especially helpful in the area of overseas trade — an area where AT&T is trying to win a strong foothold through the creation of a new subsidiary, AT&T International.

Strauss, now with the law firm of Akin, Gump, Hauer & Field, has continued to work on international matters.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Reference, Richard Gump interviewed and recommends.

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DETAILS:

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REFERENCE

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent at Austin, Texas, on August 25,
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Richard Gump, 4616 Alta Vista, Dallas, Texas, currently vacationing in Austin, Texas, advised that he has known the appointee since 1938 when both were law students together. Gump stated that he and the appointee both served in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) together during the early 1940's, and since 1945, have been law partners in the Dallas area. Gump pointed out that the appointee has spent most of his time in recent years in the Washington, D.C., area in their branch office. Gump stated that the appointee is of excellent moral character and enjoys an unsullied reputation. Gump further stated that the appointee is a loyal U.S. citizen and only associates with individuals of similar repute. Gump added that the appointee is very thorough and persuasive and should do well in the position to which he has been appointed. Gump stated that the appointee is a hard worker and very willing to educate himself regarding the problems to be studied by the Commission. Gump highly recommended the appointee for a position with the government and added that the appointee only drinks alcohol to a moderate extent and has never used narcotics.

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TITLE OF CASE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS		REPORT MADE BY SC 	TYPED BY da b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to all field offices, dated 8/15/83.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Phoenix indices negative.

Where appropriate, Privacy Act (e) (3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

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Confidential sources are as follows:

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Arizona Department of Public Safety, Phoenix, Arizona.

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PX T-2 is [REDACTED] Tucson Police Department,
Tucson, Arizona.

PX T-3 is [REDACTED] Pima County Sheriff's
Department, Tucson, Arizona.

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Title:

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No arrest record at Department of Public Safety
for appointee's [REDACTED]. Appointee's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Sentence
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The following investigation was conducted by Special
Clerk [REDACTED] at Tucson, Arizona:

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On August 17, 1983, PX T-2, Tucson Police Department,
Tucson, Arizona, caused a search of their files which revealed
no record identifiable with the appointee's [REDACTED]

On August 17, 1983, PX T-3, Pima County Sheriff's
Department, Tucson, Arizona, caused a search of their files
which revealed appointee's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by the Pima County Sheriff's Department for
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CRIMINAL

The following investigation was conducted by Special
Clerk [REDACTED]

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On August 22, 1983, PX T-1, Arizona Department of
Public Safety, Phoenix, Arizona, caused a search of his files
which failed to disclose an arrest record for the appointee's
[REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 8/25/83	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/22-24/83
TITLE OF CASE ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY tvc
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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to WFO, 8/15/83.

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Field, Office File #:

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Title:

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's residence verified. Neighbors are favorable and recommend. Employment at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haver, and Feld verified; associates and subordinates are favorable and recommend. White House Commission and Appointments verified. No record identifiable with appointee located at U.S. Attorney's Office. The appointee has been admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and is a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar. Checks at Credit Bureau, local police agencies, and Secret Service proved no record identifiable with the appointee.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation concerning Robert S. Strauss was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on August 22 and 23, 1983:

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2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Apartment 1401-S
Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Watergate Complex, 2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was contacted and she advised that the appointee has resided with his wife, Helen, at 2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Apartment 1401, Washington, D.C. since October 18, 1977. [REDACTED] stated that she has received no complaints and knows of no derogatory information concerning the appointee. [REDACTED] described the appointee and his wife as excellent tenants and model residents.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a casual, neighborly basis since [REDACTED] moved into the complex in 1978. [REDACTED] described the appointee and his wife as considerate, pleasant neighbors who he considers very down to earth. To his knowledge the appointee has not used drugs nor abused alcohol. [REDACTED] stated that appointee associates with high caliber individuals and recalled that President Carter used to visit him frequently.

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[REDACTED] believes the appointee is loyal to the United States Government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Washington, D.C., was contacted and she advised that she has known the appointee and his wife since 1978 when [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED] moved into the complex. She described the appointee as an extremely honorable gentleman who is a very patriotic citizen. She added that the appointee and his wife are quiet, considerate neighbors. To her knowledge neither the appointee nor his wife abuse alcohol or use drugs. She would highly recommend the appointee for a position on the Bilateral Commission.

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EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation concerning Robert S. Strauss was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on August 22, 1983:

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Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haver, and Feld
Attorneys at Law
1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee at a personal and professional basis for approximately eight years. He described that appointee as an outstanding professional, excellent attorney, and model citizen. [REDACTED] stated that the appointee's character is exemplary and that he is held in high regard by both his peers and subordinates. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol. [REDACTED] added that the appointee is a level headed individual, well reasoned, and reliable.

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[REDACTED] stated that the appointee constantly handles sensitive information and does so discreetly. [REDACTED] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and he would give him is unequivocal recommendation to occupy a position of trust and confidence.

[REDACTED] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee casually for at least ten years and on close personal basis for the past four years. [REDACTED] stated that the appointee is an excellent lawyer whom is well skilled in difficult negotiations. He added that the appointee is honest, trustworthy, and reliable. [REDACTED] stated that the appointee associates with individuals of the highest caliber and that to his knowledge, none of the individuals would cast a negative influence upon the appointee. The appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

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The appointee frequently handles sensitive attorney/client information and does so discreetly. [REDACTED] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee at a professional and to a lesser extent, social basis since 1972 when [redacted] joined the firm. He described the appointee as a superb partner and excellent lawyer. He added that the appointee is a fine human being who is quite personable and well respected by both his peers and subordinates. [redacted] stated that the appointee is a level headed individual and possesses a reliable and stable personality. [redacted] further advised that the appointee is an excellent example for all of his associates and that the appointee has instilled his professionalism and ethics to all members of the firm. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol. [redacted] stated that the appointee associates with individuals of the highest caliber.

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[redacted] advised that the appointee has handled sensitive information on numerous occasions and done so discreetly. [redacted] stated that he knows of nothing derogatory about the appointee and would be surprised if any such information would be developed. [redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis since 1971 when [redacted] became a member of the firm. [redacted] stated that the appointee has unique abilities as an attorney and that the appointee's reputation in the legal community is impeccable. He added that the appointee deals exceptionally well with people as he is a personable individual. [redacted] further advised that the appointee possesses a reliable, stable personality and that he has never seen the appointee lose control of a situation. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

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[redacted] advised that the appointee's professionalism and ethics are above reproach. He believes the appointee is loyal to the United States government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust.

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[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately eight years. [redacted] stated that the appointee is an excellent attorney and is held in high regard in the legal community. [redacted] stated that the appointee's best attribute is that he possesses great common sense. He added that the appointee is reliable, stable, and possesses an even temperament. To his knowledge the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

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[redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and that he would highly recommend the appointee for a position on the bilateral commission as the appointee is an outstanding individual.

[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately seven years. [redacted] stated that the appointee has an impeccable reputation and he believes that the appointee is the most honest, decent gentleman that he knows. [redacted] further advised that the appointee stresses professionalism and integrity in his management at the law firm. To his knowledge the appointee does not abuse alcohol nor use drugs. [redacted] believes that the appointee is scrupulous in terms of his associates and that none would cast a negative influence upon him.

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The appointee handles sensitive information in dealing with clients and has never breached their confidence. [redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and would highly recommend him for a position on the bilateral commission.

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[redacted] partner, stated that he has known the appointee since April, 1977, when the appointee occupied the position as special trade representative and the appointee hired him as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he considers the appointee a close personal friend and that he knows of no derogatory information about him. [redacted] stated that the appointee is an exceptionally well skilled attorney who specializes in disputes

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settlement and negotiations. The appointee is held in high regard in the legal community in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised that the appointee possesses a reliable and stable personality as well as an even temperament. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

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[redacted] stated that the appointee in his position as special trade representative as well a Mid-East Negotiator has had access to exceedingly sensitive material and handle this information very discreetly. [redacted] stated that the appointee's health is very good and that he knows of nothing that would make him unsuitable for a position on the bilateral commission. [redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and he would recommend him without qualification to a position on the bilateral commission.

[redacted] was contacted and she advised that she has known the appointee for approximately 14 years. [redacted] advised that she was employed as [redacted] the appointee when the appointee assumed the position as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee in 1969. [redacted] considers herself almost like a member of appointee's family. She advised that the appointee is a very loyal, hardworking, and energetic individual. [redacted] further advised that the appointee possesses integrity above reproach and that he is exceptionally patriotic. [redacted] stated that the appointee is an earnest individual who inspires professionalism among his associates. To her knowledge, the appointee does not abuse alcohol nor use drugs. [redacted] stated that the appointee only associates with individuals of the highest caliber and none would cast a negative light upon the appointee.

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The appointee handles sensitive information on a frequent basis and does so discreetly. [redacted] stated that she would give the appointee her highest recommendation to occupy a position on the bilateral commission.

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[redacted] was contacted and she advised that she has known the appointee on a professional basis for six years. She described the appointee as a wonderful human being, capable administrator, and

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an excellent attorney. She believes that the appointee is held in high regard by both peers and subordinates.

[redacted] further advised that the appointee is a considerate, personable individual.

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[redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and has handled very sensitive discreetly. [redacted] would highly recommend the appointee for a position on the bilateral commission as the appointee's impeccable record speaks for itself.

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White House Office (WHO)

A search of the files of the Records Office, WHO by SA [REDACTED] on August 22, 1983, revealed the following commissions and appointments concerning Robert S. Strauss.

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3/30/77	To be Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.
4/23/77	Appointed Adviser-Member of the Council on Wage and Price Stability.
9/21/79	To be Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America.
10/12/79	For the rank of Ambassador during the tenure of his service as Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America.
1/8/81	To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring September 1, 1990.
6/1/81	To be a Member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.
8/10/83	To be a Member of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

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U.S. Attorney's Office

On August 23, 1983, the records of the U.S. District Court were reviewed by SA [redacted] Due to renovation of the docket area, only the following cards were available: civil, 1950 to the present; 1968 to the present, criminal. No information was contained therein indicating federal prosecutive action regarding the appointee, Robert S. Strauss.

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BAR MEMBERSHIP CHECKS

On August 23, 1983, SC [REDACTED] searched the records of the Lawyer's Register, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, concerning the bar membership of Robert Schwarz Strauss, and a record was found disclosing that the applicant was admitted to practice before this court on May 17, 1971.

A check of the records at the U.S. Supreme Court on August 23, 1983, by SC [REDACTED] revealed that no record was found for the appointee.

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On August 23, 1983, [REDACTED] the District of Columbia Bar (Unified), Suite 840, 1426 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SC [REDACTED] that the appointee became a member of this association on June 1, 1971, and is currently an active member.

On August 23, 1983, [REDACTED] Office of Bar Counsel, D.C. Court of Appeals, Room 127, Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SC [REDACTED] that a review of the files indicated Robert Eugene Strauss is a member in good standing, and there are no grievances pending, or past grievances on file which resulted in disciplinary action.

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CREDIT, POLICE AGENCIES, AND SECRET SERVICE

The following record checks were conducted for the appointee:

SC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on August 24, 1983, that the files contained no record for the appointee, Robert S. Strauss.

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On August 22, 1983, a query was made in the Washington Area Law Enforcement computer (WALES) and it was determined that no record was located for MPD concerning the appointee.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records may not be in the computer and not available for review.

On August 22, 1983, SC [REDACTED] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee.

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On August 22, 1983, SC [REDACTED] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

SA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on August 24, 1983, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

No arrest checks were conducted on persons for whom complete dates of birth are missing.

Above arrest checks also conducted on spouse.

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Date 8/25/83

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA [REDACTED] (SQ 4) (RUC)

ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS
 SPECIAL INQUIRY
 BUDED: 8/29/83

Re Tampa teletype to Director, dated 8/24/83.

Enclosed herewith are copies of documents from Tampa files [REDACTED] captioned "[REDACTED] ET AL: RICO-ELECTION LAWS: OO: TAMPA" as pertains to Robert Strauss:

FD-302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED]
 at Washington, D. C., on 7/28/81

FD-302 reflecting telephonic interview of Robert Strauss
 at Washington, D. C., on 7/20/81

FD-302 reflecting interview of Robert Strauss
 at Washington, D. C., on 11/6/81

FD-302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED]
 at Washington, D. C., on 7/24/81

FD-302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED]
 at Washington, D. C., on 2/1/82

WFO airtel to Tampa, dated 2/9/82

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at Tampa, Florida, on 8/19/81.

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FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted]
at Cleveland, Ohio on 2/20/81

This completes investigation re Robert Schwarz Strauss,
at Tampa.



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Date of transcription 2/23/81

[redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] who displayed their credentials and identified themselves as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] [redacted] was advised he was being interviewed relative to a letter he had written in 1978 to [redacted] care of the Saudi Arabian Embassy, 1520 18th Street NW, Washington D.C., [redacted] on behalf of an unnamed group of Florida investors attempting to purchase a Florida based bank.

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[redacted] advised that he is a full-time dentist in Cleveland, Ohio and that his Muslim name is [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted]
[redacted] He advised that this is an investment type company which he runs on a part-time basis. He stated that he has put very few deals together and that he has not made any money on any of these deals.

[redacted] advised that he had moved to Tampa, Florida in 1978 and that he had purchased a house through Wallace Realty Company from [redacted] He stated [redacted] is located at 2120 West Brandon Boulevard, Suite 104, Brandon, Florida, telephone 813/689-4950, home telephone [redacted] He advised that he and [redacted] became good friends as she sold a house to him in the Tampa Bay area. He advised that it was through [redacted] that he met a man by the name of [redacted] who seemed to have a deal starting relative to the purchase of a Florida based bank. He advised that there were other people in on this deal but that [redacted] seemed to be the key person. [redacted] advised that he never met [redacted] in person but that he did talk with him over the phone relative to this deal he had going. He advised that he remembers [redacted] because he was [redacted]
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At this time, the following names were read to [redacted] and he was asked whether or not he recognized any of them:

Investigation 2/20/81 Cleveland, Ohio

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1. Smith, Kennard and Olsen, CPAs, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. Robert Strauss, Sr.

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had not heard of any of the above names except for [REDACTED] because he further remembered that [REDACTED] was a member of a CPA firm in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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[REDACTED] advised that there was another real estate man whom he had met through [REDACTED]. He stated that she knew him well, but that he just met and talked with him on occasion. He advised that this man apparently had banking experience and was supposed to be part of the deal relative to the purchase of the bank. He stated that in discussions with this person, he was offered a verbal commitment relative to a commission if he could get investors for this bank. He stated that he believed the deal was that these investors were going to buy an existing bank. [REDACTED] advised that he never received anything in writing and has no records relative to

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anything concerning this matter. He stated that he does not even have a copy of the letter he had sent to [redacted] at the Saudi Arabian Embassy.

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[redacted] advised that he had met [redacted] when King Khalia (phonetic spelling) came to Cleveland to be treated at the Cleveland Clinic. He advised that he was working there at the time and that he met [redacted] at the Cleveland Clinic with King Khalia. He stated that [redacted] said he worked at the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] advised that in order to try and get investors for this group in Florida he took a "shot in the dark" and wrote a letter to [redacted] asking that he put the letter in the right hands to try and obtain money for these investors. [redacted] advised that he never received any response from this letter and that he has not talked to [redacted] or anyone else about this deal since that time. He advised that he never moved to Florida and that he obtained his dental license and started his practice in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

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[redacted] advised that if he could be of any further help, he would cooperate fully in this matter, but that he had no other contacts with anyone concerning this bank and does not know of anything other than what he has already explained.

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Date of transcription 2/9/82

[redacted] accompanied by her husband, [redacted] appeared in the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington Field Office (WFO), 1900 Half Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), to be interviewed regarding her knowledge of a block of contributions totalling approximately \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 made during a February 28, 1980 fund raising event in Tampa, Florida. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that during her employment with the Carter/Mondale Committee she was [redacted] to the [redacted]. She began employment with the committee in March of 1979, and resigned in late October, 1980.

She advised that she was present on the eight stop Florida campaign tour that included the Tampa event. She also recalls that Robert Straus, [redacted] [redacted] were also on the tour.

Specifically, she was asked if she recalls meeting [redacted] during the Tampa event and she advised that she had. She advised that [redacted] had informed her that they were turning over between \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to the campaign committee. When she questioned where the money was, she was told it was on the way by courier from Metropolitan Bank (MB). They advised her that they personally wanted to turn over the money to Robert Straus so that they would receive personal credit for raising the money. She stated that she does not recall the courier arriving with the money, nor who the block of contributions referred to by [redacted] was given to. She stated that during the breakfast that she sat with local fund raiser [redacted] [redacted] possible first name [redacted] and collected checks and contributor cards from those

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by SA [redacted] *JLW* JLW:ldf Date dictated 2/1/82

[redacted] present at the fund raising breakfast. During this period of time, she does not recall a courier arriving with the funds, but if he had it would have been possible that the money was provided to [redacted] without her knowing. She noted that [redacted] kept a record of all the contributors.

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She advised that it was her responsibility when collecting the contributions to make sure that they were from an individual and not a corporation; that the contributions were not over \$1,000.00; and that the contributor cards were filled out properly.

When asked, she advised that she did not provide [redacted] with a formal receipt for the contributions nor was it the National Campaign Committee's procedure to do so. She advised that on occasion she has provided a handwritten receipt for local fund raisers, but cannot recall if this was the case during the Tampa event.

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She advised that she would have normally sealed the contributions in an envelope to be tabulated on the plane trip between events. She advised that if anyone had given the envelope to [redacted] it would have more than likely been her, but she has no specific recollection of having done so.

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When asked, she stated that she has no recollection of informing Straus or [redacted] or anyone else of the information that she had been provided by [redacted] concerning the contributions. She advised that she did not overhear, nor does she recall conversations taking place between [redacted] and [redacted] and others on the National Campaign staff.

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She stated that it is conceivable that either [redacted] or Straus accepted the money from the courier sent by [redacted].

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Date of transcription 7/31/81

[redacted] Attorney, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone number (202)887-4238, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of campaign contributions made to the Carter/Mondale Campaign at a fund raiser in Tampa, Florida, on February 28, 1980, and his firm's dealings with the Edward J. DeBartolo Company. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that during the Carter/Mondale Campaign he [redacted] Robert Strauss who was chairman of the Carter/Mondale Presidential Campaign. It was his [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had little to do with fund raising activities. [redacted] for the committee had overall responsibility for fund raising. Under [redacted] existed a national fund raising staff that included [redacted] telephone number [redacted] who during the campaign worked under [redacted] and continues to be employed with him and would know his current whereabouts; [redacted] currently in Atlanta, Georgia; and [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] for the committee was [redacted] and that [redacted] worked for her.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] would be the best person to contact to identify others who had worked raising funds for the committee.

When asked [redacted] advised that he was not in attendance at the February 28, 1980, fund raising event at Tampa, Florida. He advised that he does not know [redacted]

[redacted] He advised that he was unaware of the fact that a 25 to 30 thousand dollar block contribution had been made during the February 28, fund raiser. He added that he has not heard through any other sources from who and to whom the money was given. He advised that he has talked to Robert Strauss who

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File # [redacted]

by SA [redacted] and [redacted] JLW:smr Date dictated 7/27/81

[redacted] informed him that he had not been the recipient of the campaign monies. He advised that Strauss had a personal policy of not ever accepting contributions personally. It also was the campaign's policy never to accept cash contributions.

[redacted] stated that it was his opinion that the most likely person to have accepted the block contribution would have been someone on the national fund raising staff. He also stated that to his knowledge there was no set policy or procedure for collecting campaign contributions.

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[redacted] when asked advised that he is unaware of what type of effort his firm is or has been providing [redacted] company. He informed the interviewing Agents that he would ascertain the attorney's identity in charge of the effort and relay that information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 11/13/81

Robert Strauss, Attorney, of the firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, on 1333 New Hampshire, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. (WDC), was interviewed concerning his firm's dealings with the Edward J. DeBartolo Company regarding a San Antonio, Texas, real estate development. Strauss thereafter provided the following information:

Strauss advised that he seems to recall that in approximately January of 1981, he was contacted by [redacted] Edward J. DeBartolo Company, and [redacted] requested that he contact Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials concerning a San Antonio project that the DeBartolo Company was involved in. He advised that he telephoned someone at HUD (name unrecalled) and queried him regarding the status of the grant DeBartolo was requesting and was informed that the project would be funded, but only for one-half of the requested amount. Strauss was questioned if he knew [redacted] all HUD officials. Strauss explained that given his past political activities, he knows many people and therefore conceivably could have met each of the individuals named. He did state that [redacted] name sounded familiar and it may have been him who he contacted concerning the [redacted] request. Strauss emphasized that he had not been retained for a lobbying effort on behalf of DeBartolo in connection with DeBartolo's efforts to obtain HUD financing for the project. He advised that he has a very vague recollection of even having made the phone call. Strauss did state that his law firm has represented DeBartolo specifically for DeBartolo's efforts to purchase a baseball team.

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by SAs SAM H. ALLEN and; [redacted] JLW:smr Date dictated 11/9/81

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Date of transcription 7/22/81

Robert Strauss was telephonically contacted at (714)481-6087 by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] concerning a \$25,000 contribution that had been made to the Carter/Mondale Presidential Campaign pursuant to a campaign event on February 28, 1980, in Tampa, Florida. Specifically he was informed that it was desirous to learn how the money was physically transferred. Strauss thereafter provided the following information:

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Strauss advised that he has only been in Tampa for one hour in his life that being the occasion of the breakfast fund raising event on February 28, 1980. Specifically he was asked if the \$25,000 contribution had been given to him by either [redacted] and he advised that it had not been. He stated that he does not recall the contribution nor if it had been given, who gave it and to whom it was given. He suggested that [redacted] who figured prominetely in the financial end of the fund raiser would be the best person to identify how the transfer of funds occurred. Another person in a position to have had knowledge of the transfer of funds was [redacted] who at the time was [redacted]. When asked, Strauss advised that [redacted] would not have been in a position to identify who transferred the funds because [redacted] acted only in the roll of an [redacted] Strauss.

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Strauss was questioned if he knew of [redacted] and he advised that he knew him having represented him and his company on occasion. [redacted] had been a heavy contributor to the Carter Campaign. Strauss was questioned if he knew of any type of government loans that [redacted] company was attempting to obtain at approximately the same time of the February 1980 fund raiser. Strauss advised that he personally had been representing [redacted] company in attempting to arrange a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) loan for a project [redacted] company was involved in San Antonio, Texas. Strauss advised that this activity would have occurred after the February, 1980, fund raiser. He believes that HUD eventually did loan money to the [redacted] Company for

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the San Antonio, Texas project.

It was pointed out to Strauss that [redacted] represented [redacted] interest in Florida and upon hearing same, Strauss advised that he may have met [redacted] at the Tampa, Florida, fund raiser, but only has a vague remembrance of him.

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Strauss advised that [redacted] a member of his Washington, D.C. (WDC) law firm, had been involved in the discussions with HUD concerning the DeBartolo company project and interfaced with their attorney, name unrecalled. Strauss stated that he personally made a number of calls to HUD regarding the project.

Strauss advised that if the interviewing Agent desired additional information that he should feel free to give him a call.

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Date of transcription 8/7/81

[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed regarding his knowledge of contributions made to the Carter-Mondale Re-election Committee pursuant to a fund raiser in Tampa, Florida, on February 28, 1980. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that during the campaign he acted as Robert Strauss' [redacted] and recalled the Tampa fund raiser which was held at a restaurant at the Tampa airport. The fund raiser was a part of a two day swing through Florida that included eight different stops. The campaign trip had been organized by [redacted] Strauss. [redacted] (currently in Atlanta, Georgia) and [redacted] (currently employed by the Democratic Committee, WDC). On a local level [redacted] of Orlando, Florida, was the [redacted] [redacted] for the state party organization and worked closely with [redacted] from the national staff. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] of the Democratic National Committee was also involved in the Tampa fund raiser.

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[redacted] advised that each fund raiser was given a code which consisted of two letters with a numerical designation. The Tampa fund raiser was designated BS-25, the BS standing for Bob Strauss, he being the principle party member in attendance.

[redacted] stated that prior to any fund raiser contributor cards are forwarded to the local party office along with a set of rules that govern the collection of contributions. Contributor cards must be filled out for each contribution made.

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The standard operating procedure for fund raising consisted of the chairman of the event being responsible for collecting the funds and then forwarding the funds to the national committee. All contributions went through the fund raising staff which was headed up by [redacted]

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Specifically when asked, [redacted] advised that he personally does not recall meeting [redacted] during the Tampa event. He advised that he does have a recollection of [redacted] but no more than just a familiarity with his name. Specifically when asked, he advised that he does not recall anyone from the Tampa fund raiser handing over approximately \$25,000 in one thousand dollar contributions to anyone on the national staff.

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[redacted] was quizzed regarding his knowledge of Strauss' relationship with [redacted] advised that it was his impression that they were not close because he recalls that during the October, 1980, presidential debates in Cleveland, Ohio, Strauss was asked to make a fund raising call to [redacted] and he was reluctant to do so. [redacted] stated that he recalls placing the call himself, but Strauss did not talk to [redacted]

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[redacted] was questioned if state chairmen in charge of specific events are given financial goals to achieve and he advised that they were. [redacted] stated that the Tampa event went beyond the target amount set for the event.

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Date of transcription 8/31/81

[redacted] Edward J. DeBartolo Corporation, was interviewed at the office of the Chairman of the Board, Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, Tampa, Florida. Also present were Attorneys for [redacted]
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[redacted] advised as follows:

He is the [redacted] in the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (MBTC). Nevertheless, he exerts no influence in making bank policy and has no direct input into day to day bank policy. He defers most of this authority to [redacted] and until recently, former MBTC [redacted]. In addition to his investment in MBTC, he also [redacted] the Independent Bank of Florida, Tampa, Florida, and has an interest in the First Bank and Trust Company of Belleair, Florida. These investments total approximately \$22-million.

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Sometime during 1980, he recalls that he "stumbled into a meeting" in [redacted] office which was attended by [redacted] and a Certified Public Accountant from Jacksonville, Florida, whose name may have been [redacted]. [redacted] was discussing a short-term stock trading program. [redacted] advised that he listened to [redacted] presentation for approximately 10 minutes and decided that the program had no merit and left the meeting. He never again heard of the program until April, 1981, when it was determined that the short-term program was a fraud and the MBTC had loaned over \$10-million for investment into the fund. He also became aware at that time that [redacted] and several other bank officers had invested personal funds into the fund. He advised that he at no time invested nor did he ever consider investing in the fund.

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He had been aware that the Metropolitan Bank building located in Tampa had been for sale for sometime. In fact, at one point, he considered purchasing it himself for \$3-million. He had no knowledge of a plan to sell the building for \$6-million to Tampa real estate developer [redacted] and several of [redacted] associates. In fact, the first time he even became aware of [redacted] involvement in MBTC was sometime after the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) completed an audit of MBTC in

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approximately February, 1981.

[redacted] advised that during May, 1980, he was aware that MBTC offered a new stock issue for sale, the proceeds of which were to be used to purchase the above-described bank in Belleair. He had no knowledge that much of the stock was purchased with loans made by the Metropolitan Bank stock, ostensibly for real estate purposes. Neither was he aware that almost all of the stock issue eventually came under the control of [redacted] or certain associates of [redacted] who were believed to be acting as nominees for [redacted]. He advised that he had recently been told that the total of the stock allegedly controlled by [redacted] amounted to 33% of all of the bank stock which exceeded his approximate 24% ownership. He advised that this fact was very distressing to him since he had assumed that he had been the [redacted] of the bank.

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He is acquainted with real estate developer [redacted] who has recently made large purchases of MBTC stock. [redacted] advised that in view of recent developments at the bank including the results of the FRB audit prepared in February, 1981, and disclosures regarding the bank's loaning of in excess of \$10-million for use in the short-term trading program, it was his opinion that the "stock is not worth a dime." In spite of this, he believes that [redacted] motivation in buying the stock was sound since he apparently did so at the recommendation of [redacted] a close friend of [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he does not believe there is any association between [redacted] and although [redacted] [redacted] apparently acquired much of his stock from [redacted] and [redacted] associates, he does not believe that [redacted] is acting as a nominee for [redacted]. [redacted] advised he never heard of [redacted] a resident of London, England, who allegedly also recently purchased a large block of Metropolitan Bank stock.

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[redacted] advised he knows no individual named [redacted]. All stock that [redacted] has purchased in MBTC has originated with the Jerry Williams Stock Brokerage firm in Tampa, Florida. It is possible that some stock previously owned by [redacted] was eventually acquired by [redacted] however, this would have occurred through [redacted] would not have known the origin of the stock. [redacted] did acquire a substantial amount of MBTC stock in April, 1981. This stock was placed in trust for [redacted] children.

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[redacted] advised that during the summer of 1980, he purchased all of the outstanding shares of the Popular Bank of Tampa, Florida, and renamed this bank Independent Bank. He took a portion of the stock he acquired, valued at approximately \$600,000, and [redacted]. [redacted] stated this was a

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[redacted] "gift" and was made to reward these individuals for the work they had done with regard to putting together his acquisitions of the above-described banks. When asked why he had chosen to give each employee equal shares and had done so in the form of stock rather than cash, he replied it was "just one of those things." He advised that at no time did he ever intend to keep the bank officers' ownership of this stock a secret. [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of [redacted] providing [redacted] with approximately \$240,000 to be used to purchase the stock held by these bank officers.

[redacted] advised that prior to the transfer of stock to these bank officers, he had never given [redacted] any similar gift nor has he given [redacted] any gifts since that time. He advised that [redacted] has received percentage ownership in several shopping centers owned by [redacted]. Additionally, he gave [redacted] 10% ownership of the New Atlantis Club Condominium in Florida, but has since reacquired this ownership. Additionally, he stated that he has requested that [redacted] return the \$200,000 they received from sale of their Independent Bank stock.

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[redacted] advised that he recalls that [redacted] came to him sometime ago regarding the acquisition of easement rights concerning a piece of property located adjacent to [redacted] University Square Mall in Tampa. They never informed him what intention, if any, they had for use of this property nor did they discuss how they intended to finance the purchase of the property. He has no knowledge of [redacted] having obtained a parcel of property in Pasco County, Florida.

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[redacted] also denied knowledge of the bank's acquisition of a parcel of property on Water's Avenue in Tampa for use as a future branch bank site nor did he know that this property was purchased from [redacted] on January 10, 1980, by MBTC, in a simultaneous real estate transaction which resulted in [redacted] realizing an immediate \$105,000 profit.

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[redacted] denied that he ever requested [redacted] or any individual to solicit campaign contributions on his behalf for any political campaign. He did state he recalled hearing something one time about a "quantity of money being picked up" but could not recall what this money was to be used for, its amount, or who was involved with it.

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He advised he has known Robert Strauss for sometime. He knows Mr. Strauss as the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee; however, Mr. Strauss has also acted as an attorney for [redacted] most recently when [redacted] was attempting to acquire the Chicago White Sox baseball team.

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Sometime in 1980, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made a loan to the City of San Antonio, Texas, for \$17-million for use by that city in an urban renewal project associated with the Plaza Del Rio. The Edward J. DeBartolo Corporation has contracted with the City of San Antonio to perform this urban renewal work. Mr. Strauss "made a few phone calls" with regard to obtaining this loan. denied that Strauss' motivation in making these calls was other than friendship.

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TO: SAC, TAMPA [REDACTED] (SQUAD 5)

FROM: SAC, WFO [REDACTED] (C-5) (P)

[REDACTED]
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Reference WFO airtel to TP dated 9/3/81.

Enclosed for Tampa are the original and one copy of FD-302's and agent's notes for interviews conducted of [REDACTED]

Enclosed for Atlanta are one copy each of the [REDACTED] FD-302's.

For the information of Atlanta, [REDACTED] and numerous of his associates have been under investigation for allegations of widespread fraud involving Bribery of Bank Officials, Bribery of County Commissioners, Bankruptcy Fraud, Bank Fraud, and other various frauds. One aspect of the case is to determine why [REDACTED] provided approximately \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to local Tampa residents and have them write checks on their own accounts in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable to the Carter/Mondale Presidential Committee. One theory is that the block of contributions were provided to [REDACTED] Board of the Metropolitan Bank, Tampa, Florida, and Metropolitan Bank [REDACTED] [REDACTED] allegedly told [REDACTED]

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2-Atlanta (Enc. 2)
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[redacted] that they wanted to be sure that Robert Straus was aware of the fact that they had personally collected the funds. This may have been done in order to curry favor with the Carter Administration for favorable consideration in the award of a HUD loan to the Edward J. De Bartolo Company for a San Antonio, Texas project. It is noted that [redacted] Metropolitan Bank and that [redacted] is alleged to have OC ties. Straus has advised that he may have made telephone inquiries with HUD concerning the San Antonio loan per request of Counsel for the De Bartolo Company.

To date, investigation has not determined who turned over the \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 block of contributions to the Campaign Committee. ~~One~~ One person that could have been in a position to have accomplished same is [redacted] currently employed by Selig Enterprises, a real estate firm operating in Atlanta, Georgia.

Tampa's attention is called to the [redacted] FD-302 wherein she states that she, along with [redacted] physically collected the Tampa contributions on the morning of the event. [redacted] could have been the recipient of the money sent by courier mentioned by [redacted] and informed either Straus or [redacted] of its receipt.

LEADS:

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will interview [redacted] concerning the \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 campaign block. Determine if either [redacted] or [redacted] had any conversations with him concerning their part in the collection of the money.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will interview [redacted] and determine his role in the collection of the Tampa contributions.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will interview \$1,000.00 contributor, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to determine the nature of his contribution.

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ReTPairtel to Bureau, 7/2/81; TPairtel to NK, 7/8/81;
and TPairtel to WFO, 7/24/81.

Enclosed are the originals of two []

[] subpoenas that were served
on []

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respectively. Also enclosed are the original and one copy
of FD-302s reflecting interviews with the following individuals,
and corresponding Agent's notes where taken: 1) []
7/16/81; 2) Robert Strauss, 7/20/81; 3) [] 7/20/81;
4) [] 7/24/81; 5) [] 7/28/81; 6) []
[] 8/3/81; 7) [] 8/4/81.

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LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will continue efforts to identify
the recipients of a block of 25 one thousand dollar contributions
made to someone on the Carter-Mondale Campaign Committee Staff
pursuant to a fund raising event on 2/28/80, in Tampa, Florida.

Will continue efforts to identify Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) loans either applied for or received by the
Edward J. DeBartolo Company.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: 8/29/83, WOF.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED 8/15/83.

ALL INTERVIEWED PERSONS RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S BI-PARTISAN COMMISSION ON CENTRAL AMERICA. EMPLOYMENT:

Civil Rights &
Special Inq. Sec.

[REDACTED] ROBERT STRAUSS, WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE LAW FIRM OF AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER AND FELD. [REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LAW FIRM SINCE 1945. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THE ONLY BREAK IN SERVICE APPOINTEE HAS HAD WITH THE LAW FIRM OCCURRED FROM 1977 THROUGH 1980, WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. SINCE 1970, APPOINTEE HAS BEEN A FULL-TIME LAW PARTNER IN THE FIRM.

REFERENCES AND CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES:

[REDACTED] OF THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL

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BANK, DALLAS, TEXAS, STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-THREE YEARS. [] STATED APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE. [] RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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FEDERAL JUDGE ERVIN L. GOLDBERG, DALLAS, TEXAS, STATED HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF APPOINTEE SINCE 1942, AND CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. JUDGE GOLDBERG RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE TO ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[] ATTORNEY AND LAW PARTNER OF APPOINTEE, STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1955, BOTH SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. [] STATES APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND RECOMMENDS HIM TO ANY POSITION WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

[] HUDSON AND HUDSON REALTORS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-SIX YEARS AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY FOR THAT ENTIRE PERIOD. [] STATED HE FEELS APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY AND MEMBER OF APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM SINCE 1949, STATED HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE SINCE 1949, AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ASSOCIATES AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

HENRY WADE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR DALLAS COUNTY, DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DALLAS, TEXAS, STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1946, AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE ON A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BASIS. WADE STATED HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION, STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW APPOINTEE PERSONALLY BUT THROUGH HIS REPUTATION [REDACTED] FEELS HE IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND FROM WHAT SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE FROM OTHER ATTORNEYS IN THE DALLAS AREA, SHE FEELS APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING REPUTATION AND CHARACTER, AND WOULD RECOMMEND

HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

FEDERAL JUDGE WILLIAM MAC TAYLOR WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO YEARS, BOTH ON A SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. JUDGE TAYLOR STATED APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND ONE OF THE MOST ABLE ATTORNEYS HE HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED IN THE COURTROOM. TAYLOR STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FEDERAL JUDGE HAROLD BAREFOOT SANDERS, JR. STATED HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. JUDGE SANDERS STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] REPUBLIC BANK TOWERS, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-SIX YEARS AND BELIEVED HE WAS

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE HAD WHEN HE STARTED HIS LAW PRACTICE IN DALLAS. [REDACTED] STATED HE FEELS APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF

OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

U. S. MAGISTRATE WILLIAM F. SANDERSON, JR. STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE THROUGH HIS REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF DALLAS AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A VERY ABLE AND COMPETENT ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN. SANDERSON STATED, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED], FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES, STATED HE HAS BEEN A NEIGHBOR OF APPOINTEE AND A PERSONAL FRIEND FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS. HE FURTHER STATED APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

NEIGHBORHOOD AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS VERY RELIABLE AND HAD AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE ADVISED APPOINTEE HAD ASSISTED HER IN LOCATING HER LOST DAUGHTER, AND APPOINTEE WAS AN EXCELLENT

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NEIGHBOR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED

APPOINTEE WAS A VERY QUIET NEIGHBOR. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND HAD A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED

IT WAS HER OPINION APPOINTEE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE. SHE STATED APPOINTEE WAS A VERY QUIET NEIGHBOR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED

HE HAD NEVER MET APPOINTEE. HE STATED APPOINTEE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND MAINTAINED APPOINTEE'S RESIDENCE IN A NEAT MANNER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE

WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE DALLAS COMMUNITY AS A MAN WITH AN EXTREMELY HIGH SENSE OF DUTY AND INTEGRITY. HE STATED A MAN OF APPOINTEE'S ABILITY AND INTEGRITY WAS WELL SUITED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

ON AUGUST 19, 1983, A SEARCH OF THE NEWSPAPER FILES OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS RECOVERED SEVERAL NEWS STORIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE GENERAL NEWS STORIES CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. SEVERAL OTHERS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST ARE BEING SYNCQSZED AND PHOTOCOPIES OF THE

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ARTICLES THEMSELVES ARE BEING FORWARDED WITH THE APPOINTEE'S
GFFORT.

THE FIRST ARTICLE IS DATED AUGUST 13, 1981, AND IS ENTITLED
"ELECTION FOES FORM BEER PARTNERSHIP". THIS ARTICLE CONCERNS
A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN JAMES BAKER, A SENIOR ADVISOR
TO RONALD REAGAN, AND APPOINTEE.

THE NEXT ARTICLE IS DATED MAY 22, 1981, AND IS TITLED
"AT&T WANTS STRAUSS TO REACH OUT". THIS ARTICLE CONCERNS AT&T
HIRING THE LAW FIRM THAT APPOINTEE IS ASSOCIATED WITH AS LOBBYIST
TO HELP, "SHOOT DOWN" THE INCREASED COMPETITION IT IS FINDING AT
HOME AND ABROAD.

THE FINAL ARTICLE IS DATED APRIL 9, 1982, AND IS TITLED,
"STRAUSS' FIRM ENTERS CITIES LOBBYIST DERBY". THIS ARTICLE
CONCERNS THE ATTEMPT BY APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM TO OBTAIN THE
POSITION WITH THE CITY OF DALLAS AS LOBBYIST.

CHECK WITH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NORTHERN
DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THE FILE OF HER AGENCY

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CONTAIN NO INFORMATION INDICATING FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION
CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

CREDIT CHECK:

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED
APPOINTEE HAS BEEN IN FILE SINCE JULY, 1941. CREDIT RECORD
REFLECTS 8 REVOLVING ACCOUNTS, ALL PAID AS AGREED WITH NO RECORD
OF LATE NOTICES.

ARREST CHECKS:

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS SECTION, DALLAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED]
IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS SECTION, DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THE FILES OF THEIR AGENCIES CONTAIN NO
RECORD OR IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; HELEN J. STRAUSS; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

PERSONS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF
THE PRIVACY ACT.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983. (B)

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES, DATED AUGUST 16, 1983, AND
KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, AUGUST 22, 1983.

TAMPA INDICES REVEAL REFERENCES TO A ROBERT STRAUSS IN
TAMPA'S INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED [REDACTED] ET AL; RICO;
OO: TAMPA" TAMPA FILE 183D-737.

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] HAD GIVEN
A PROXIMATELY \$25,000 TO \$30,000 IN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CARTER/MONDALE CAMPAIGN DURING 1980. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE RAISED
THIS MONEY AT THE REQUEST OF FORMER TAMPA [REDACTED]
WHO AT THE TIME WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF METROPOLITAN BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY, TAMPA, FLORIDA. THESE ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS,
WHICH WERE BEING FUNNELED THROUGH VARIOUS [REDACTED] ASSOCIATES WERE

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TURNED OVER TO A DEMOCRATIC FUND RAISER BEING HELD AT THE TAMPA AIRPORT HOTEL ON FEBRUARY 28, 1980. THIS FUND RAISER WAS ATTENDED BY DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS, AND [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY TURNED THE MONEY OVER TO STRAUSS OR ONE OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES. THE FUNDS HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN TRACED TO HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, INTERVIEWS OF OFFICIALS OF THAT COMMITTEE HAVE FAILED TO DETERMINE WHO IN A TUALITY RECEIVED THEM.

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BESIDES BEING [REDACTED] THE METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF WHICH THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS ALSO [REDACTED] THE DE BARTOLO CORPORATION IN TAMPA, FLORIDA. [REDACTED] WHO IS A WELL KNOWN

[REDACTED] WAS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A CONTRACT FOR A DEVELOPMENT IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, DURING 1980, WHICH WAS BEING FUNDED BY HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

STRAUSS AT THE REQUEST OF TAMPA WAS INTERVIEWED BY WASHINGTON FIELD AGENTS ON JULY 20, 1981, [REDACTED] AND STATED THAT HE HAD REPRESENTED [REDACTED] IN THE PAST ON VARIOUS MATTERS AND WAS AWARE THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN A HEAVY CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CARTER CAMPAIGN. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN REPRESENTING THE DE BARTOLO COMPANY AND ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A HUD LOAN FOR

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THE SAN ANTONIO PROJECT. STRAUSS FURTHER RELATED THAT HE MAY HAVE MET [REDACTED] AT THE TAMPA, FLORIDA, FUND RAISER ON FEBRUARY 28, 1980, AND ONLY HAD, IN FACT, CONTACTED HIM REGARDING [REDACTED] PROJECT.

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THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS AND INNUENDOS IN TAMPA, FLORIDA, THAT [REDACTED] REQUESTED [REDACTED] TO FURNISH CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WOULD BE, IN EFFECT, GIVEN IN THE NAME OF [REDACTED] TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN ORDER TO INDUCE STRAUSS, WHO WAS THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, TO HAVE HUD GRANT [REDACTED] THE CONTRACT.

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[REDACTED] WAS GRANTED THE CONTRACT, BUT ALLEGEDLY FOR ONLY HALF OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT ANYONE AT HUD RECEIVED ANYTHING OF VALUE REGARDING THE GRANTING OF THE CONTRACT. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED: 8/29/83,
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ON 8/15/83, SA [REDACTED] CAUSED A CHECK TO BE MADE
OF BALTIMORE INDICES, GENERAL, CONFIDENTIAL AND ELSUR.
CHECK DISCLOSED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE
OR ANY LISTED RELATIVES.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS. SPIN. BUDED: AUGUST 25, 1983.

ADMINISTRATIVE: ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND NO REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY WERE RECEIVED.

REFERENCE: RICHARD GUMP, LISTED REFERENCE, INTERVIEWED AUGUST 25, 1983, AND ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1938 AND HAS SERVED IN THE FBI WITH APPOINTEE. GUMP HAS BEEN A LAW PARTNER OF APPOINTEE'S SINCE 1945. COMMENTS FAVORABLY RE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED AUGUST 29, 1983,

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FBI OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983.

SEATTLE GENERAL INDICES REFLECTED NO PERTINENT IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE. GENERAL INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING RELATIVES. ELSUR INDICES ARE NEGATIVE REGARDING APPOINTEE AND RELATIVES.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983,
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE DIRECTOR TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983,
CAPTIONED ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
AUGUST 29, 1983, WITHOUT FAIL; DIRECTOR TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD
OFFICES, AUGUST 19, 1983, CAPTIONED PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL BIPARTISAN
COMMISSION ON CENTRAL AMERICA.

ON AUGUST 16, 1983, [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL
TYPIST, REVIEWED THE EL PASO DIVISION EL SUR AND SECURE INDICES
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE CAPTIONED APPLICANT, HIS RELATIVES AND
HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT.

ON AUGUST 24, 1983, SC [REDACTED] REVIEWED THE EL PASO
DIVISION GENERAL INDICES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE APPLICANT'S RELATIVES

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AND HIS EMPLOYMENT. EL PASO REFERENCE [REDACTED] LOCATED RE
CAPTIONED APPLICANT, AND THIS REFERENCE APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL
TO CAPTIONED APPLICANT, HOWEVER, THE REFERENCE IS IN NO WAY
DY NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT EL SO.

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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPIN; BUDED: 8/29/83.

RE BU TEL TO ALL OFFICES, DATED 8/15/83.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE,

THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

INDICES SEARCHED 8/18/83, BY CLERK [REDACTED]

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES 8/15/83.

NO RECORD OR IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION LOCATED REGARDING
APPOINTEE, LAW FIRM APPOINTEE IS ASSOCIATED WITH, HELEN J. STRAUSS,

[REDACTED] IN DALLAS OFFICE INDICES AND
ELSUR FILES.

REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] WAS REPORTED TO BUREAU DURING
PREVIOUS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU
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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29, 1983.

RE BUTEL, AUGUST 15, 1983.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, A REVIEW OF SALT LAKE CITY INDICES AND ELSUR FILES WAS NEGATIVE CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RETEL.

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Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 29

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REFBIHQTEL TO ALL OFFICES, AUGUST 15, 1983.

THE NAMES OF THE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES WERE SEARCHED
BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS:

GENERAL INDICES BY SC [REDACTED] ASSET INDICES BY

CFR [REDACTED] ISIS SEARCHED BY [REDACTED] AND ELSUR

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DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

NO REFERENCE WAS FOUND REGARDING APPOINTEE AND LISTED
CLOSE RELATIVES WITH EXCEPTION AS NOTED BELOW:

MINNEAPOLIS REFERENCE 211-0-2, CAPTIONED "SPECIAL
PROSECUTOR LEGISLATION" (FEBRUARY 20, 1979) WAS LOCATED
CONCERNING APPOINTEE. STRAUSS, WHO WAS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WAS
MENTIONED IN A LIST OF PERSONS COVERED BY TITLE VI OF THE
ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978.

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THE FOLLOWING MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION INDICES WERE
CHECKED ON AUGUST 23, 1983 BY THE INDICATED MINNEAPOLIS
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ROBERT SCHWARTZ STRAUSS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED AUGUST 15, 1983.

THE FOLLOWING LISTED INDICES WERE SEARCHED IN REFERENCE
TO THE APPOINTEE AND CLOSE RELATIVES, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear

In accordance with a request from you on August 15, 1983, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Robert Schwarz Strauss. Transmitted herewith are copies of reports and other pertinent communications containing the results of this investigation.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Strauss in 1977. The results of that investigation have been previously provided to you. The enclosed investigative results cover the period since March, 1977.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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Note: Mr. Strauss, who is self-employed as an attorney in Washington, D. C. and Dallas, Texas, is being investigated for a Presidential appointment to the President's National Bi Partisan Commission on Central America. Investigation is favorable, except for unsubstantiated rumors that Mr. Strauss accepted contributions in the name of the Democratic Party in exchange for a "government contract", and complete.

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TAMPA INDICES REVEAL REFERENCES TO A ROBERT STRAUSS IN
TAMPA'S INVESTIGATION CAPTIONED [REDACTED] ET AL; RICO;
OO: TAMPA [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] HAD GIVEN
APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 TO \$30,000 IN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CARTER/MONDALE CAMPAIGN DURING 1980. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE RAISED
THIS MONEY AT THE REQUEST OF FORMER TAMPA [REDACTED]
WHO AT THE TIME WAS [REDACTED] METROPOLITAN BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY, TAMPA, FLORIDA. THESE ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS,
WHICH WERE BEING FUNNELED THROUGH VARIOUS [REDACTED] ASSOCIATES WERE
TURNED OVER TO A DEMOCRATIC FUND RAISER BEING HELD AT THE TAMPA
AIRPORT HOTEL ON FEBRUARY 28, 1980. THIS FUND RAISER WAS ATTENDED
BY DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT STRAUSS, AND [REDACTED]
ALLEGEDLY TURNED THE MONEY OVER TO STRAUSS OR ONE OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES.
THE FUNDS HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN TRACED TO HAVING BEEN
RECEIVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, INTERVIEWS
OF OFFICIALS OF THAT COMMITTEE HAVE FAILED TO DETERMINE WHO IN
ACTUALITY RECEIVED THEM.

BESIDES BEING [REDACTED] THE METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY OF WHICH THE MAJORITY OF THE STOCK WAS OWNED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS ALSO [REDACTED] THE DE BARTOLO
CORPORATION IN TAMPA, FLORIDA. [REDACTED] WHO IS A WELL KNOWN
[REDACTED] WAS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A
CONTRACT FOR A DEVELOPMENT IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, DURING 1980,
WHICH WAS BEING FUNDED BY HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).
STRAUSS AT THE REQUEST OF TAMPA WAS INTERVIEWED BY WASHINGTON
FIELD AGENTS ON JULY 23, 1981, [REDACTED] AND STATED THAT

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HE HAD REPRESENTED [] IN THE PAST ON VARIOUS MATTERS AND WAS AWARE THAT [] HAD BEEN A HEAVY CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CARTER CAMPAIGN. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN REPRESENTING THE DE BARTOLO COMPANY AND ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A HUD LOAN FOR

THE SAN ANTONIO PROJECT. STRAUSS FURTHER RELATED THAT HE MAY HAVE MET [] AT THE TAMPA, FLORIDA, FUND RAISER ON FEBRUARY 28, 1980, AND ONLY HAD, IN FACT, CONTACTED HIM REGARDING [] PROJECT.

THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS AND INNUENDOS IN TAMPA, FLORIDA, THAT [] REQUESTED [] TO FURNISH CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WOULD BE, IN EFFECT, GIVEN IN THE NAME OF [] TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN ORDER TO INDUCE STRAUSS, WHO WAS THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, TO HAVE HUD GRANT [] THE CONTRACT.

[] WAS GRANTED THE CONTRACT, BUT ALLEGEDLY FOR ONLY HALF OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT ANYONE AT HUD RECEIVED ANYTHING OF VALUE REGARDING THE GRANTING OF THE CONTRACT. [] INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS. INVESTIGATION CLOSED.

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EMPLOYMENT:

[REDACTED] ROBERT STRAUSS, WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE LAW FIRM OF AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER AND FELD. [REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LAW FIRM SINCE 1945. [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THE ONLY BREAK IN SERVICE APPOINTEE HAS HAD WITH THE LAW FIRM OCCURRED FROM 1977 THROUGH 1980, WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. SINCE 1970, APPOINTEE HAS BEEN A FULL-TIME LAW PARTNER IN THE FIRM.

REFERENCES AND CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES:

[REDACTED] OF THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK, DALLAS, TEXAS, STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-THREE YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE. [REDACTED] RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FEDERAL JUDGE ERVIN L. GOLDBERG, DALLAS, TEXAS, STATED HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF APPOINTEE SINCE 1942, AND CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. JUDGE GOLDBERG RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE TO ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY AND LAW PARTNER OF APPOINTEE, STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1955, BOTH SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. [REDACTED] STATES APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND RECOMMENDS HIM TO ANY POSITION WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] HUDSON AND HUDSON REALTORS,

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ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-SIX YEARS AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY FOR THAT ENTIRE PERIOD. [REDACTED] STATED HE FEELS APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY AND MEMBER OF APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM SINCE 1949, STATED HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE SINCE 1949, AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ASSOCIATES AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

HENRY WADE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR DALLAS COUNTY, DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DALLAS, TEXAS, STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1946, AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE ON A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BASIS. WADE STATED HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION, STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW APPOINTEE PERSONALLY BUT THROUGH HIS REPUTATION [REDACTED] FEELS HE IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND FROM WHAT SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE FROM OTHER ATTORNEYS IN THE DALLAS AREA, SHE FEELS APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING REPUTATION AND CHARACTER, AND WOULD RECOMMEND

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HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

FEDERAL JUDGE WILLIAM MAC TAYLOR WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO YEARS, BOTH ON A SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. JUDGE TAYLOR STATED APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND ONE OF THE MOST ABLE ATTORNEYS HE HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED IN THE COURTROOM. TAYLOR STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTEE, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FEDERAL JUDGE HAROLD BAREFOOT SANDERS, JR. STATED HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. JUDGE SANDERS STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REPUBLIC BANK TOWERS, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-SIX YEARS AND BELIEVED HE WAS

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE HAD WHEN HE STARTED HIS LAW PRACTICE IN DALLAS. [REDACTED] STATED HE FEELS APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF

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[REDACTED]
OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

U. S. MAGISTRATE WILLIAM F. SANDERSON, JR. STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE THROUGH HIS REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF DALLAS AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A VERY ABLE AND COMPETENT ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN. SANDERSON STATED, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES, STATED HE HAS BEEN A NEIGHBOR OF APPOINTEE AND A PERSONAL FRIEND FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS. HE FURTHER STATED APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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NEIGHBORHOOD AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS VERY RELIABLE AND HAD AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE ADVISED APPOINTEE HAD ASSISTED HER IN LOCATING HER LOST DAUGHTER, AND APPOINTEE WAS AN EXCELLENT

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NEIGHBOR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED

APPOINTEE WAS A VERY QUIET NEIGHBOR. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND HAD A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED

IT WAS HER OPINION APPOINTEE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE. SHE STATED APPOINTEE WAS A VERY QUIET NEIGHBOR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED

HE HAD NEVER MET APPOINTEE. HE STATED APPOINTEE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND MAINTAINED APPOINTEE'S RESIDENCE IN A NEAT MANNER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE

WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE DALLAS COMMUNITY AS A MAN WITH AN EXTREMELY HIGH SENSE OF DUTY AND INTEGRITY. HE STATED A MAN OF APPOINTEE'S ABILITY AND INTEGRITY WAS WELL SUITED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

ON AUGUST 19, 1983, A SEARCH OF THE NEWSPAPER FILES OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS RECOVERED SEVERAL NEWS STORIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE GENERAL NEWS STORIES CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

THE FIRST ARTICLE IS DATED AUGUST 13, 1981, AND IS ENTITLED "ELECTION FOES FORM BEER PARTNERSHIP". THIS ARTICLE CONCERNS A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN JAMES BAKER, A SENIOR ADVISOR TO RONALD REAGAN, AND APPOINTEE.

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THE NEXT ARTICLE IS DATED MAY 22, 1981, AND IS TITLED "AT&T WANTS STRAUSS TO REACH OUT". THIS ARTICLE CONCERNS AT&T HIRING THE LAW FIRM THAT APPOINTEE IS ASSOCIATED WITH AS LOBBYIST TO HELP, "SHOOT DOWN" THE INCREASED COMPETITION IT IS FINDING AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE FINAL ARTICLE IS DATED APRIL 9, 1982, AND IS TITLED, "STRAUSS' FIRM ENTERS CITIES LOBBYIST DERBY". THIS ARTICLE CONCERNS THE ATTEMPT BY APPOINTEE'S LAW FIRM TO OBTAIN THE POSITION WITH THE CITY OF DALLAS AS LOBBYIST.

CHECK WITH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

[REDACTED] UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THE FILE OF HER AGENCY CONTAIN NO INFORMATION INDICATING FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION

CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

CREDIT CHECK:

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN IN FILE SINCE JULY, 1941. CREDIT RECORD REFLECTS 8 REVOLVING ACCOUNTS, ALL PAID AS AGREED WITH NO RECORD OF LATE NOTICES.

ARREST CHECKS:

[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS SECTION, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS SECTION, DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THE FILES OF THEIR AGENCIES CONTAIN NO RECORD OR IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: ROBERT SCHWARZ STRAUSS; HELEN J. STRAUSS; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

On August 17, 1983, records of the San Francisco Police Department, Bureau of Identification were checked and revealed no record for Appointee's [redacted]

[redacted] DOB [redacted]

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation concerning Robert S. Strauss was conducted by [redacted] on August 22 and 23, 1983:

2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Apartment 1401-S
Washington, D.C.

[redacted] the Board of Directors, Watergate Complex, 2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., was contacted and she advised that the appointee has resided with his wife, Helen, at 2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Apartment 1401, Washington, D.C. since October 18, 1977. [redacted] stated that she has received no complaints and knows of no derogatory information concerning the appointee. [redacted] described the appointee and his wife as excellent tenants and model residents.

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[redacted] was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a casual, neighborly basis since [redacted] moved into the complex in 1978. [redacted] described the appointee and his wife as considerate, pleasant neighbors who he considers very down to earth. To his knowledge the appointee has not used drugs nor abused alcohol. [redacted] stated that appointee associates with high caliber individuals and recalled that President Carter used to visit him frequently.

[redacted] believes the appointee is loyal to the United States Government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] was contacted and she advised that she has known the appointee and his wife since 1978 when [redacted] moved into the complex. She described the appointee as an extremely honorable gentleman who is a very patriotic citizen. She added that the appointee and his wife are quiet, considerate neighbors. To her knowledge neither the appointee nor his wife abuse alcohol or use drugs. She would highly recommend the appointee for a position on the Bilateral Commission.

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The following investigation concerning Robert S. Strauss was conducted by [redacted] on August 22, 1983:

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haver, and Feld
Attorneys at Law
1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee at a personal and professional basis for approximately eight years. He described that appointee as an outstanding professional, excellent attorney, and model citizen. [redacted] stated that the appointee's character is exemplary and that he is held in high regard by both his peers and subordinates. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol. [redacted] added that the appointee is a level headed individual, well reasoned, and reliable.

[redacted] stated that the appointee constantly handles sensitive information and does so discreetly. [redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and he would give him is unequivocal recommendation to occupy a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee casually for at least ten years and on close personal basis for the past four years. [redacted] stated that the appointee is an excellent lawyer whom is well skilled in difficult negotiations. He added that the appointee is honest, trustworthy, and reliable. [redacted] stated that the appointee associates with individuals of the highest caliber and that to his knowledge, none of the individuals would cast a negative influence upon the appointee. The appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

The appointee frequently handles sensitive attorney/client information and does so discreetly. [redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee at a professional and to a lesser extent, social basis since 1972 when [redacted] joined the firm. He described the appointee as a superb partner and excellent lawyer. He added that the appointee is a fine human being who is quite personable and well respected by both his peers and subordinates. [redacted] stated that the appointee is a level headed individual and possesses a reliable and stable personality. [redacted] further advised that the appointee is an excellent example for all of his associates and that the appointee has instilled his professionalism and ethics to all members of the firm. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol. [redacted] stated that the appointee associates with individuals of the highest caliber.

[redacted] advised that the appointee has handled sensitive information on numerous occasions and done so discreetly. [redacted] stated that he knows of nothing derogatory about the appointee and would be surprised if any such information would be developed. [redacted] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis since 1971 when [redacted] became a member of the firm. [redacted] stated that the appointee has unique abilities as an attorney and that the appointee's reputation in the legal community is impeccable. He added that the appointee deals exceptionally well with people as he is a personable individual. [redacted] further advised that the appointee possesses a reliable, stable personality and that he has never seen the appointee lose control of a situation. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

[redacted] advised that the appointee's professionalism and ethics are above reproach. He believes the appointee is loyal to the United States government and would highly recommend him for a position of trust.

[redacted] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately eight years. [redacted] stated that the appointee is an excellent attorney and is held in high regard in the legal community. [redacted] stated that the appointee's best attribute is that he possesses great common sense. He added that the appointee is reliable, stable, and possesses an even temperament. To his knowledge the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

[] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and that he would highly recommend the appointee for a position on the bilateral commission as the appointee is an outstanding individual.

[] partner, was contacted and he advised that he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately seven years. [] stated that the appointee has an impeccable reputation and he believes that the appointee is the most honest, decent gentleman that he knows. [] further advised that the appointee stresses professionalism and integrity in his management at the law firm. To his knowledge the appointee does not abuse alcohol nor use drugs. [] believes that the appointee is scrupulous in terms of his associates and that none would cast a negative influence upon him.

The appointee handles sensitive information in dealing with clients and has never breached their confidence. [] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and would highly recommend him for a position on the bilateral commission.

[] partner, stated that he has known the appointee since April, 1977, when the appointee occupied the position as special trade representative and the appointee hired him as a general counsel to assist him. [] stated that he considers the appointee a close personal friend and that he knows of no derogatory information about him. [] stated that the appointee is an exceptionally well skilled attorney specializes in disputes settlement and negotiations. The appointee is held in high regard in the legal community in Washington, D.C. [] advised that the appointee possesses a reliable and stable personality as well as an even temperament. To his knowledge, the appointee does not use drugs nor abuse alcohol.

[] stated that the appointee in his position as special trade representative as well as a Mid-East Negotiator has had access to exceedingly sensitive material and handle this information very discreetly. [] stated that the appointee's health is very good and that he knows of nothing that would make him unsuitable for a position on the bilateral commission. [] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and he would recommend him without qualification to a position on the bilateral commission.

[] was contacted and she advised that she has known the appointee for approximately 14 years. [] advised that she was employed as an [] the appointee when the appointee assumed the position as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee in 1969. [] considers herself almost like

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a member of appointee's family. She advised that the appointee is a very loyal, hardworking, and energetic individual. [] further advised that the appointee possesses integrity above reproach and that he is exceptionally patriotic. [] stated that the appointee is an earnest individual who inspires professionalism among his associates. To her knowledge, the appointee does not abuse alcohol nor use drugs. [] stated that the appointee only associates with individuals of the highest caliber and none would cast a negative light upon the appointee.

The appointee handles sensitive information on a frequent basis and does so discreetly. [] stated that she would give the appointee her highest recommendation to occupy a position on the bilateral commission.

[] was contacted and she advised that she has known the appointee on a professional basis for six years. She described the appointee as a wonderful human being, capable administrator, and an excellent attorney. She believes that the appointee is held in high regard by both peers and subordinates. [] further advised that the appointee is a considerate, personable individual.

[] believes that the appointee is loyal to the United States government and has handled very sensitive discreetly. [] would highly recommend the appointee for a position on the bilateral commission as the appointee's impeccable record speaks for itself.

White House Office (WHO)

A search of the files of the Records Office, WHO by [] on August 22, 1983, revealed the following commissions and appointments concerning Robert S. Strauss.

3/30/77

To be Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

4/23/77

Appointed Adviser-Member of the Council on Wage and Price Stability.

9/21/79

To be Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America.

10/12/79

For the rank of Ambassador during the tenure of his service as Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America.

1/8/81

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring September 1, 1990.

6/1/81

To be a Member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

8/10/83

To be a Member of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

U.S. Attorney's Office

On August 23, 1983, the records of the U.S. District Court were reviewed by [redacted] Due to renovation of the docket area, only the following cards were available: civil, 1950 to the present; 1968 to the present, criminal. No information was contained therein indicating federal prosecutive action regarding the appointee, Robert S. Strauss.

BAR MEMBERSHIP CHECKS

On August 23, 1983, [redacted] searched the records of the Lawyer's Register, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, concerning the bar membership of Robert Schwarz Strauss, and a record was found disclosing that the applicant was admitted to practice before this court on May 17, 1971.

A check of the records at the U.S. Supreme Court on August 23, 1983, by SC [redacted] revealed that no record was found for the appointee.

On August 23, 1983, [redacted] the District of Columbia Bar (Unified), Suite 840, 1426 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SC [redacted] that the appointee became a member of this association on June 1, 1971, and is currently an active member.

On August 23, 1983, [redacted] Office of Bar Counsel, D.C. Court of Appeals, Room 127, Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SC [redacted] that a review of the files indicated Robert Eugene Strauss is a member in good standing, and there are no grievances pending, or past grievances on file which resulted in disciplinary action.

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CREDIT, POLICE AGENCIES, AND SECRET SERVICE

The following record checks were conducted for the appointee:

SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on August 24, 1983, that the files contained no record for the appointee, Robert S. Strauss.

On August 22, 1983, a query was made in the Washington Area Law Enforcement computer (WALES) and it was determined that no record was located for MPD concerning the appointee.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records may not be in the computer and not available for review.

On August 22, 1983, [] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee.

On August 22, 1983, [] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

[] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on August 24, 1983, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

No arrest checks were conducted on persons for whom complete dates of birth are missing.

Above arrest checks also conducted on spouse.

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PITTSBURGH

On August 24, 1983, [REDACTED]
U.S. Office of Personnel Management (USOPM), NACI Center,
Boyers, Pennsylvania, advised that OPM files contain no
additional information for Robert Schwarz Strauss since last
investigation conducted.

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Information has been received from the Tuscon
Police Department, Tuscon, Arizona, that they have no record
concerning the appointee's [redacted] born [redacted]
[redacted]

Information has been received from the Pima County
Sherrif's Office, Tuscon, Arizona, that [redacted] born
[redacted] who may be identical to the appointee's [redacted]
[redacted]